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*Dedicated to the glory of God
and to all whose lives have touched
and been touched by the ministry of
First Presbyterian Church, Belmont*

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Preface

*(Historical Address presented at the Fiftieth
Anniversary of the First Presbyterian Church
by Robert Davidson Hall, 1940)*

THE POET TELLS of an incident which occurred in his travels. Wading through the desert, he came upon a statue, fallen and half-buried in the sand. The lips of the statue were drawn in a sneer, the expression one of cruelty. On the base of the statue were these words: "I am Ozymandias, king of kings. Look on my works, ye mighty, and despair." And all around that statue stretched only sand—to the horizon. Ozymandias, a kingdom-builder, lost in the legendary mists of time.

Two thousand years ago Jesus Christ walked by the sea of Galilee. He had no mighty army, no political organization, no vast sums of money; yet he, too, was a kingdom-builder, a builder of the Kingdom of Love in the hearts of men. He gathered them around Him and said, "I am the light of the world. I am the way, the truth, and the life." And because His was not a kingdom of might but a kingdom founded on eternal truths, it has continued to grow since that humble beginning in Galilee.

We read the first chapters of that story in our Bibles, read it with a thrill of admiration and pride for the courage of those early Christians. The hiss of burning oil, the roar of the hungry lion, the flash of the sword—all these were met and conquered by those early members of the kingdom. Truly the blood of the martyrs became the seed of the church, and that Kingdom continued to grow.

Let us remember another chapter of the history of that Kingdom, a small chapter, a modern chapter, and yet one of which I am tremendously proud. For my father and mother and their friends, your fathers and mothers, are in the beginning of that chapter.

November 10, 1890. Grover Cleveland, twenty-third president of

the United States, was just beginning his second term. Wyoming and Idaho were admitted to statehood during this period. Oklahoma was opened to settlers and was made a territory. Only ten years before this time the golden spike had been driven uniting the country by rail. A young man had just accepted the position of assistant professor of economics at Princeton University. Did anyone even dream that this young professor was later to be president of our country, Woodrow Wilson? In the garden of his ancestral home, Hyde Park, a little boy of eight wandered around holding the hand of his tutor. This young boy, Franklin Roosevelt, was to shatter all tradition and become president of the United States for four consecutive terms.

Two young mechanics were working in a shop and spending their spare time dreaming of a machine in which men could fly—but little dreaming that they, the Wright brothers, would be the ones to make that dream come true. In his spare hours young Henry Ford tinkered in a little shop behind his house, tinkered on a contraption, which, three years later, was to puff and pant down the streets of Detroit. The first automobile became the foundation of a gigantic industry.

In Europe a young man, Wilhelm II, grandson of Queen Victoria, was coming to the throne of Germany; that Wilhelm whom we called Kaiser Bill started a conflagration which spread all over Europe as World War I. In nearby Austria a small child lay in his crib screaming with rage, the scream which fifty years later was to find its echo in the screams of the dive bombers directed by this same child come to manhood, Adolph Hitler.

So much for the outside world. What was our own community like in 1890? Looking back, it would seem a placid, pleasant, and rather uneventful period. Belmont as a town did not exist. One highway stretched toward Mt. Holly, one toward York. These highways were so muddy as to be almost impassable in winter. The hum of the spindle was yet to be heard; a grist mill and a cotton gin took care of the manufacturing needs of the people. To reach these mills one rode horse back, mule back, or in a wagon loaded with produce to be traded at the store while in town.

In this small agricultural community a group of men and women met on a Sunday in 1890 at old Fellowship Baptist Church to organize a branch of the Presbyterian Church. Since you can read the history, it is not necessary that we examine it. But I feel it is necessary that we

look closely at that little group of men and women whose horses and buggies were hitched outside of old Fellowship Church. They were an humble people, and yet they were a proud people, for well they knew that in their veins flowed the blood of the Scotch Covenanter, those who signed their faith in their beliefs in their own blood.

They were a poor people as we count wealth today, and yet they were a rich people, rich because they had inherited the doctrines of John Calvin and John Knox. These were the stern doctrines of the sovereignty of God and the responsibility of man for his own acts, and doctrines that built characters of fine integrity. They were an uneducated people, due to the poor educational facilities of the day, and yet they were a wise people, wise because they knew that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Such was the group that met that day at old Fellowship to form our church. We have only to look around us to see that their work was good. In memory this morning I can see that little church as I first knew it, the honeysuckle growing over the steps that led to the front door, that door which just would not keep out all the draft. I can remember the long stove pipes coming from the rear to the two stoves, the red carpet down the aisle, the little organ, the red plush chairs in the pulpit, those very uncomfortable benches, and the horses and buggies and mules and wagons hitched outside.

From that group we turn to our church, the high-vaulted ceiling, the stained windows through which glorious light streams, the organ with its deep mellow harmonies, the well-equipped Sunday School Building, these comfortable pews, and the fortunes in automobiles surrounding the church—and we can say with the Psalmist, “The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places.” Judged by results, the work of the early members was good and enduring, a real heritage to leave to their children.

We know that there are two things a man can do with a fortune left to him. He can throw it away in foolish living, or he can preserve it and add to it. What are we doing with this heritage left us by our fathers? I would like to remind you of a story.

In the early days of our country a pioneer and his family were moving westward. On a cold dark night they came upon a deserted hut beside the road. They entered and built a fire to give themselves warmth and cheer for the night. The next morning, before leaving

the hut, they swept it clean, stacked fresh wood near the hearth, and placed a few provisions on the shelves. "Perhaps," they said, "weary travellers who follow will enjoy this refuge." Others who used the hut followed their example, and soon a tradition grew up around the hut—that it was always to be kept ready for new arrivals. So it is in life. We cannot pay our debt to the generation that is past. How often we wish we could reach out and clasp their hands and say, "Thank you." But the only way we can thank them is to preserve, increase, and hand on to the succeeding generations the heritage that was handed to us. Then let us, too, give of our best efforts of heart and mind and spirit that this church may continue to be "a rock within a dry and thirsty land" and "a city set on a hill" giving light to all around. So shall we prove ourselves worthy of our heritage!

I

Introduction

The Centennial of First Presbyterian Church Belmont, North Carolina 1890-1990

THE First Presbyterian Church of Belmont, North Carolina, pauses to give thanks for God's blessings through our 100 years of organized existence. As we celebrate our Centennial, we realize that our history goes back much further than 1890. Indeed, our church was born when God first gathered the people, a covenant community, to serve him. His covenant with Israel gave way to his new covenant in Jesus Christ. God's people, the church, gathered about Jesus as their Savior, and as the body of Christ have been carrying on his work ever since.

Although differences of opinion on beliefs and organization have divided God's people, all Christians are a part of his Holy Catholic Church. Presbyterians share with all other Christian groups a faith in God as Father, in Christ as Savior, and in the Holy Spirit as Guide. We differ from them in emphasis. Our name comes from the belief that all rule and authority in the church belongs under God, to the whole membership, and is to be exercised in church governing bodies by representatives called Presbyters or Elders. We also stress first, God's love and mercy and His rule over all of life; and second, human needs and duties. So as Presbyterians we have two distinct emphases —Presbyterian Order (Government) and Reformed Doctrine. Both these emphases are in the Bible and were prominent in the early church as recorded in the Book of Acts. Then they were almost forgotten until the time of the Protestant Reformation in 1517. A great Frenchman, John Calvin, did much to recover and preserve them. He wrote a book entitled the *Institutes on the Christian Religion* in which he set forth the doctrines of the Presbyterian/Reformed Tradition. These

doctrines were specifically outlined in the sixteenth century by the Westminster Confession of Faith in England.

American Presbyterianism stems chiefly from Scotland, England, Ireland, and Holland. Calvinists arrived in Virginia in 1607 and the first minister was Francis Makemie who arrived from Northern Ireland in 1683. The first Presbytery, Philadelphia, was organized in 1706; and Hanover in Virginia, the mother of Presbyteries in the South, in 1755. There were essentially three migrations of the Presbyterians to North Carolina. One migration was found in the fertile region between the Yadkin and the Catawba rivers coming from Northern Ireland through Pennsylvania and Virginia to Iredell and Mecklenburg Counties, and another tide of migration flowed from the Highlands of Scotland and landed colonies of Presbyterian people along the Cape Fear River in eastern North Carolina. The third migration was in the upper part of the state between the Virginia and Carolina line along the track traveled by the army of Cornwallis in the war of the Revolution. We can say, without a doubt, that the Presbyterian influence was found in Mecklenburg County as early as 1750. Those who settled in Mecklenburg County crossed the Catawba River into Gaston County and started churches in our section of North Carolina. They found this area to have good climate as well as fertile land for farming. Goshen Church, the mother of Presbyterianism in Gaston County, was founded two hundred twenty-five years ago. The present church building is in North Belmont. First Presbyterian, Belmont, is a daughter of Goshen.

Since the Reformation, migration and missionary labor has made Presbyterianism world-wide. There are few countries where we would not find a church organized as our church is organized. These churches have various names but the same principles, and most of them carry the word "Presbyterian" or "Reformed" in their title. Today, there are some fifty million Presbyterians in over seventy countries. The Presbyterian Church is the second largest Protestant denomination in the world. The Presbyterian family circles the globe. It is called the Reformed Church in Europe; in Scotland it is the Church of Scotland; and in the United States, the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

In time the Reformed, United Presbyterian, and the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America came into being. The tensions

of 1861 caused a North-South split in the latter, and our own Presbyterian Church U.S. was organized in 1865. In 1983 the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. and the Presbyterian Church U.S. came together to form the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). We now build on three hundred years of Presbyterian life and service in the nation and in the world. Today our denomination extends from the East to the West, and from the North to the South. We have three million members and five to six thousand congregations. We are the largest Presbyterian body in the United States.

God has richly blessed us in our heritage, our resources, and the task in which He continues to challenge us. The purpose of our birthday celebration is to increase the strength of our Church to be a more effective part of the family and the people of God in the world. We need to say with David Livingstone, the great missionary whose figure appears in the memorial window of our church, "I will go anywhere provided it is forward."

March 18, 1990

Leslie C. Tucker, Jr.
Minister

II

The Work and Worship of First Presbyterian Church, Belmont

HERE IS A region of territory in Gaston County, lying between the Catawba and South Fork Rivers known as South Point. The Atlanta and Charlotte Airline Railway, finished in 1872, crosses both rivers and forms the base of a triangle made by confluence of the two streams. In this section numbers of sturdy Scotch-Irish settlers established themselves during the pioneer days (1740-1800). As Presbyterians they held their membership at Goshen and New Hope churches, which were the nearest churches of their faith. For years a need was felt for a Presbyterian Church in South Point. So much so that some fifteen years before a church was fully organized, a petition was sent to Mecklenburg Presbytery asking for an organization. In 1875 a commission was appointed to visit the field and organize a church if the way was clear. The commission, after an investigation, decided not to organize and did not even recommend that a chapel be built to service the Presbyterian constituency. They contended that a new church would cripple the old churches and must not be considered. Time has proven how mistaken they were. They failed to consider that the distance was far to either of the old churches, and that there was a river between them and New Hope and no bridge, and often a swollen stream which could not be crossed.

At last the situation was changed. In the early 1880's Reverend W. E. McIlwaine was called to the pastorate of Gastonia and New Hope churches. Twice a month he preached at New Hope at eleven o'clock. On one of the other Sundays he would drive to Lowell Station and conduct services in the afternoon. Later he used another afternoon to preach at Belmont Station, the name having recently been changed from Garibaldi. The name Belmont came from August P. Belmont of New York City, a friend of the Reverend Leo Haid, leader of the Catholic Cathedral at St. Mary's College, later named Belmont Abbey. As a result of McIlwaine's services, the Presbyterians of the Belmont

community began to plan for a church organization, and a petition was signed by a number of them and sent to Mecklenburg Presbytery in the fall of 1890.

Presbytery heard the petition and appointed a commission to investigate and organize a church if that was feasible. The commission was composed of Reverend T. A. Wharton of Steele Creek, Reverend R. Z. Johnston of Lincolnton, and the Reverend W. E. McIlwaine of Gastonia, and Elders James Reid and Dr. Frank Robinson of Lowell, and T. G. Hutchinson of Goshen. The commission decided that a church should be organized and called those interested to meet in the Fellowship Baptist Church on Saturday, November 15, 1890. The Fellowship Baptist Church, which later became the First Baptist Church of Belmont, very kindly offered their church as a meeting place. In addition to the commission, Dr. W. T. Hall, pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Lynchburg, being on visit here to his aged father Reverend James Davidson Hall, the then pastor at Goshen, was invited to sit with the commission as a corresponding minister. After a sermon by the Reverend T. A. Wharton from Psalm 20: 5, "In The Name of God We Will Set Up Our Banners," the organization of the Belmont Presbyterian Church took place.

Unfortunately the first three pages of the first book of sessional records of the Belmont Church have been lost, and the absolutely authentic record of the organization is not available. However, there is the report of the commission to Mecklenburg Presbytery giving the list of twenty-eight names as charter members. The sessional records of Goshen and New Hope churches record dismissals to Belmont. In addition, a copy of the *North Carolina Presbyterian* giving two accounts of the organizing of the Belmont Church is available. With all these historical sources there can be reproduced an account of the work or organization which should be satisfactory for all practical purposes. The record of Mecklenburg Presbytery, December 9, 1890, read as follows: The report of the commission to organize a church at Belmont was read and approved and is as follows—Belmont, NC, November 15, 1890—whereas the following presented themselves and organized into a church under the name and style of Belmont Presbyterian Church. The following were received on certificate—Members from New Hope (7) Mrs. S. A. Hanks, Mrs. Mariah Neagle, Mrs.

N. R. Rumfelt, Miss Mary E. Rumfelt, Mrs. M. A. Mellon, James Shields, and Mrs. James Shields.

From Goshen (12) Matthews Neagle Hall, Elder and wife Mrs. Annie D. Hall, John D. Hall and wife Mrs. Martha M. Hall, Abram Stowe and wife Fannie H. Stowe, Mrs. Mary J. Fite, Mrs. Mary Ewing, Mrs. Ann S. Stowe, Misses Minnie L. and Ida O. Stowe, and Joe R. Gaston.

From Shady Grove A.R.P., Shady Grove, Arkansas (1) J. T. Smith.

From Steele Creek (2) A. A. Cathey, and Mrs. Mary Freeman Cathey.

On Examination and Profession (6) Miss Susan A. Hanks, W. E. Sanders and wife, Mrs. W. E. Sanders, W. W. Davis, Miss Pomilla J. Sanders, and Price D. Hall.

Records of the new church show that Miss Ellen Beaty and Miss Sara McKee were dismissed to Belmont at this time and that they were received by the Belmont Church. It appears that they were among the three members who were received by letter and one on profession the following Sunday.

The officers elected were: Elders: M. N. Hall, Abram Stowe, A. A. Cathey, and W. W. Davis; J. T. Smith and J. R. Gaston were elected Deacons.

These interesting services at the time of the organization began on Tuesday night and closed on Sunday morning with the baptism of five children of the covenant, the ordination and installation of elders and deacons, and a rich gospel sermon by Dr. W. T. Hall from Psalms 51: 17, "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and contrite heart, O, God, Thy will not despise." With the good wishes of all, the newly organized church was expected to grow and develop and do great work for Christ.

The Fellowship Baptist Church continued their offer for the Presbyterians to hold preaching services in their church until a house of worship could be completed by the new organization. The first home of the newly organized church was on the site where the R. L. Stowe Mill Office would later be built at the corner of Main and Catawba streets in Belmont. It was a wooden structure, very crudely constructed, without Sunday School rooms or other modern conveniences, unpainted and unceiled on the inside. There was a strip of red carpet

running down the aisle between the crude benches. The pulpit was covered with red carpet. There was an old-fashioned woodstove on either side, a popular place for late comers in the winter-time and for pick-up Sunday School classes. One of these classes, intended primarily for children, sometimes contained grownups and an occasional visiting minister who dropped in late. There was a pulpit set, two chairs and a borrowed table. The table was replaced by a new one purchased later. Two or three glass lamps swung from the ceiling and gave uncertain light. An organ was purchased early on in the life of the church and was a valuable part of the equipment.

Reverend W. E. McIlwaine served the congregation from its organization until a permanent pastor could be secured. It would be well here to record a word about this great Presbyterian leader. The records of the Synod of North Carolina of this time showed that William E. McIlwaine was in the forefront of many progressive movements. The Historic Mission Synod of 1880 at Goldsboro, the establishment of the orphans' home at Barium Springs, and the organizing of many churches were but a few of the great causes of the time in which Dr. McIlwaine had a prominent part. His latter years were spent in the Synod of Florida, where he continued the aggressive work that characterized his life's ministry. He returned to North Carolina in 1938 and expressed the hope that he might be with the Belmont Church in November, 1940 for the fiftieth anniversary, but he passed away in 1939 at the ripe old age of ninety-one years.

THE REVEREND ROBERT A. MILLER 1891-1909

The first installed pastor of Belmont Presbyterian Church was Reverend Robert A. Miller, who was called from the pastorate of Hopewell Church to become pastor of the churches at Belmont, New Hope, and Lowell; he was to give one Sunday each month to Belmont and for this was to receive \$200.00 as an annual stipend. Reverend Miller began his pastorate with the Belmont church on the third Sunday in February, 1891. Some idea of the struggles and self-denial of this faithful group who assisted these leaders can be found in the first statistical record to Presbytery that is available. The church reported to Presbytery in April, 1897, the following: Members 55; Sunday

School Enrollment 51; Gifts to Foreign Missions \$11.26; Assemblies Home Missions \$3.00; Local Home Missions \$5.58; General Evangelist \$7.73; Invalid Fund \$.90; Education \$4.21; Publications \$2.75; Presbyterial \$4.00; Pastor's salary actually paid \$200.00; Congregational \$1.89; Total of all causes—\$241.32.

The growth of the church was slow at first. In 1900, at the end of ten years, there were only sixty communicants, with eighty in Sunday School, and seven teachers and officers. At the end of the church year 1903 there was an increase in the number of communicants to seventy-three. Ten or twelve years after the organization, the pastor's salary was increased to \$300.00 per year. On June 1, 1901, the congregation called the pastor for half of his time at salary of \$350.00 per year. His time was divided with Lowell where he made his home. From October, 1901, until the close of his pastorate in 1909, Reverend Miller alternately preached at Belmont one Sunday at 11:00 and the next at 3:00 p.m., thus giving the church preaching services every Sunday. New Hope Church was not included in this arrangement. Mr. Miller performed his duties faithfully, whether the weather was fair or foul. He jogged along the road from Lowell to Belmont in his two wheel cart with his faithful horse, John Calvin, watching for an opportunity to pick up some wayfarer and talk with him about some community affair, usually winding up with some point of doctrine. The night before services here was usually spent in someone's home where he was never considered company, and the family problems were his as well. Mr. Miller was highly regarded by the people of the community. He was a most unusual man, perhaps eccentric, but remarkable for his intellect and piety. He believed that his earthly purpose was simply to glorify God. He was a strong preacher, a good organizer, and a most faithful pastor. As he labored among his flock, he emphasized three points: the Christian home, with a family altar; the Sabbath observance, with church attendance; and stewardship of all material things. Because of the goodness of God and the faithfulness of Reverend Miller, a foundation was laid on which the Belmont Presbyterian Church would stand for generations. When material prosperity came to the little station (measured by the locally grown 1200 bales of cotton ginned annually), Belmont became a thriving industrial community, and many of those who had listened to Reverend Miller's sermons and his prayers put into practice those preachings.

Reverend Miller's pastorate closed October 9, 1909. After a vacancy of a little more than a year, the Reverend R. C. Deal was called as pastor. He began his duties in November, 1910, but resigned in short time, leaving the pulpit again vacant.

On July 31, 1910, the congregation had voted to build a manse and appointed a building committee consisting of R. L. Stowe, J. R. Gaston, J. B. Hall, H. C. Johnston, and F. P. Hall. A lot was purchased, and a manse erected on the corner of Main Street and Central Avenue. Little did they realize that this lot would play such a central role in the life of the church later in the century when the third church building would be erected on this very site.

THE REVEREND W. S. LACY, D.D.
1911-1915

The congregation met on April 15, 1911, for the purpose of calling a pastor. Upon recommendation of the Nominating Committee, the Reverend W. S. Lacy was given a unanimous call to become pastor of the Belmont Presbyterian Church at a salary of \$1200.00 per year and a manse. By way of reference, during this time L. A. Clemmer was the first and only policeman in Belmont—earning a salary of \$60.00 per year. Having accepted the call, Mr. Lacy entered his duties June 1, 1911, and was installed on November 5, 1911. By special request, Dr. Walter W. Moore, then President of Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia, and a descendent of the mother church at Goshen, was present and preached the installation sermon. The eloquent and scholarly Dr. Moore, at the very height of his brilliant and useful career as teacher and preacher, gave the congregation a message long remembered.

For years there had been a desire on the part of the congregation to replace the old frame church with a modern building adequate to meet the needs of a growing organization. This desire became a necessity under the zealous leadership of the new pastor. On December 1, 1911, a meeting of the congregation to take steps looking toward the erection of a new church building was held. A building committee consisting of R. L. Stowe, J. B. Hall, J. R. Gaston, F. P. Hall, S. P. Stowe, and H. C. Johnston was constituted. Under the careful direction of this committee, the new church building was completed in 1913 at

Glenway and Catawba streets in downtown Belmont on property donated by Abram Stowe at a cost of \$22,000. This house of worship was complete in every respect, and easily accommodated a congregation three times as large as was present in 1913. The wise, energetic, and progressive leadership of the Reverend Mr. Lacy continued until 1915.

A member of the Belmont Church in recalling the ministry of the Reverend W. S. Lacy said, "Mr. Lacy was a man of very great energy. If he saw a thing needed to be done, he went right after it regardless of the cost to himself. Mrs. Lacy was also full of energy. No phase of the church work missed her interest and help. Visiting was her strong point and added much to the interest of the church. When the Lacy's came to Belmont, they immediately saw the need of a new church and directed their energies toward this end. Committees were appointed, plans were developed, funds were raised and the house of Worship was the result. Many new members were added to the church roll, and a large increase in benevolent contributions to various church causes was made during this time." Reverend Mr. Lacy left Belmont in 1915 after having made a substantial contribution to Belmont Presbyterian Church.

During the summer of that year, Mr. Z. V. Roberson, a student at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia, supplied the pulpit to the complete satisfaction of the congregation. His services were greatly appreciated, and he enjoyed a warm place in the hearts of the Belmont people.

THE REVEREND J. T. DENDY, D.D. 1915-1927

In the fall of 1915 the church issued a call to the Reverend J. T. Dendy, then pastor of Ebenezer Church in Bethel Presbytery in the Synod of South Carolina, to become pastor of Belmont Presbyterian Church. The call was accepted and the Reverend Mr. Dendy began his pastoral relationship with the church in January, 1916. For eleven and a half years this faithful pastor ministered to the needs, not only of his own flock, but of all those in the community to whom he might be of service. During World War I, the anxiety was heavy in so many homes that the pastor was busy everywhere with words of cheer and

encouragement and with his earnest prayers for divine help and consolation. His years in Belmont left a lasting impression, not only in the life of the Presbyterian Church but upon the entire community. Indeed, Reverend Dendy may have been the first to insist that this church minister to the church at large. During these years from 1916 to 1927 the village of Belmont became a thriving town, indeed a small city. Many new mills were built, thousands of people moved in, the school system was expanded several times over, and all the conveniences became a part of regular life in Belmont. The Belmont Church, under the wise and aggressive leadership of the Reverend Mr. Dendy, kept the pace with the growth of the town and more than doubled its membership.

This period marked a great increase in stewardship of material possessions. God had greatly blessed the congregation in their investments and enabled them to enjoy the prosperity that the twentieth century brought to so many parts of the Southland. Large increases in the gifts to all causes were made, especially to benevolences. Historians would come to recognize that Belmont Presbyterian Church's heritage of generosity and faithful support for benevolent causes grew out of the inspirational leadership of the Reverend Dendy and the members during this time.

Belmont Presbyterian Church was now over thirty-five years old, but many still had fond recollections and warm feelings for the old church at Goshen. Under the capable leadership of the Reverend J. K. Hall, then minister at Goshen, a flourishing work was going on in the old church building there. However, it was out of the way of most of those living in North Belmont and had become inadequate, so a new church building was erected almost entirely by the Belmont Presbyterian Church for the Goshen Parish. The growth and development of the church work in North Belmont more than justified the support provided. In addition to the new church at Goshen, a handsome new pipe organ was installed in the Belmont Presbyterian Church together with extensive improvements to both the outside and the inside of the building. Altogether, the church raised more than \$17,000 for these purposes.

The Reverend J. T. Dendy took great pride in his watch which kept perfect time. Once during a lively sermon he knocked it off the pulpit

to the dismay of the congregation who knew how much he treasured it.

The unusually successful and fruitful pastorate by the Reverend J. T. Dendy ended in June, 1927.

The pulpit was vacant for some time following the resignation of the Reverend Mr. Dendy, during which period Dr. G. F. Roberson, a retired minister then living in Mount Holly, preached very acceptably for the congregation.

THE REVEREND WILLIAM M. CURRIE 1928-1948

On December 6, 1927, the Reverend W. M. Currie of Jacksonville, North Carolina was called to this pastorate. He accepted this call and began his ministry with the Belmont Church the first Sunday in April, 1928. The Presbytery of Kings Mountain appointed a commission to install the Reverend Mr. Currie on April 30, 1928. The commission consisted of Dr. I. S. McIlroy, Chairman; Reverend J. K. Hall of Belmont; Reverend W. J. Roach of Lowell; and Elders P. W. Garland of Gastonia and C. E. Neisler of Kings Mountain. During this pastorate there was a steady growth in both numbers of communicants and broadening of the church's mission.

In 1930 a wooden building 28 x 64 feet was erected at the rear of the church to take care of the pressing need for Sunday School rooms. The structure served its purpose well and helped greatly in the work of both Church and Sunday School until torn down in 1936.

When the General Assembly began the campaign to raise the Accrued Liability Fund to set up a minister's annuity plan for aged ministers, the Belmont Church voted to raise its share of the fund and had fulfilled its \$3100.00 pledge by 1939.

For years the congregation had looked forward to a modern Educational Building that would amply care for the growing departmental Sunday School needs. In the fall of 1935 a congregational meeting authorized the Deacons to raise \$15,000 for the purpose of erecting a permanent building for Sunday School purposes. The development effort was completed in April 1936, and a Building Committee was appointed consisting of G. W. Stowe, W. A. Dixon, and C. W. Fite. The long awaited Christian Education building was completed in

September, 1936, and was open for the use of the Sunday School the first Sunday of October of that year. The total cost was \$16,000.

The same year, the congregation voted to erect a manse and continued with the previous Building Committee of Messrs. Stowe, Dixon, and Fite. A lot was purchased, and a seven room house was erected at a cost of \$6500. The structure on the corner of Central Avenue and Gaston Street was for many years the focus of much church related activity.

In 1938 a chapel was erected in East Belmont at a cost of \$1,000. The men of Belmont Presbyterian and of the community at large greatly aided the erection of this building with free labor. The chapel would be used by a colony of people in that area and a small group from Belmont Presbyterian would help to organize East Belmont Presbyterian Church.

In 1937 the church decided to employ a full-time Director of Religious Education to give direction and leadership to the large and growing Christian education effort and to enroll others in the community who were not attending Sunday School. Miss Mary Katharine Carter of Sanford was the first Director. She was with the Belmont Church from September 1937 until January 1, 1939. Mrs. Evelyn S. Brown from the Steele Creek community came to the church as Director of Religious Education on February 1, 1939.

By now the church had approximately 450 members. Because of the presence of the Presbyterian Church in East Belmont, Belmont Presbyterian assumed the name of First Presbyterian Church.

World War II deeply touched the hearts and lives of the members of the church. Many sons and daughters gave active service to the cause of freedom world-wide. The ultimate gift was made by those whose lives were lost in the conflict. All were touched by the harsh realities of the war during the time of rationing and personal sacrifice. Church members were supporters of the cause of the allies through service to the Red Cross and Salvation Army. Many remember D-Day when at the sounding of the church bell members gathered in the sanctuary spontaneously to pray for the armed forces.

First Presbyterian Church continued its interest in the East Belmont Presbyterian Church. In 1942 the congregation voted \$1300 to finance the purchase of a lot for its new church, and in 1943 the Session recommended the establishment of a Building Fund for its future use.

In 1944 a Resolution was adopted to be sent with East Belmont's call to the Reverend R. L. Berry. This Resolution promised a salary of \$1600, "the interest and prayers of our congregation in the work of East Belmont Presbyterian Church," and "our purpose and intention of erecting a suitable plant and manse as soon as the way is clear." The Building Fund of East Belmont Presbyterian Church was carried in the budget for the first time in 1944.

In the same year the budget also provided for a First Church Building Fund. This was evidence of a growing recognition that the existing church plant here was becoming inadequate in many ways. The committee was appointed in 1946 to study the building needs of the church. Its members were Mrs. S. P. (Ethel) Stowe, R. C. Schoonmaker, Miss Margaret Cathey, Walter M. Hall, Sr., R. Clarence Dixon, Frank P. Hall, Jr., and Mrs. J. A. (Ruth Lineberger) Gullick. This committee reported in 1947 that the most urgent need of the church appeared to be a recreational building, and that this should be built at the earliest possible date. They also recommended that the question of building or remodeling the sanctuary be opened as soon as conditions were more favorable.

Reverend Currie was known for his wit. He often remarked that he didn't mind seeing a man look at his watch during one of his sermons, but when he held it up to his ear and began to shake it, that did bother him!

On April 11, 1948, Mr. Currie resigned to accept a call to the First Presbyterian Church of Greensboro, North Carolina.

THE REVEREND J. WALTER DICKSON, JR., D.D. 1948-1954

The congregation, meeting on September 12, 1948, heard the report of the Pulpit Nominating Committee and approved its efforts by calling as pastor the Reverend J. Walter Dickson, Jr., then serving at Fairmont Presbyterian Church, Knoxville, Tennessee. The call was accepted, and in approximately six weeks the Dickson family was in Belmont. After so many months with an empty manse, the congregation enthusiastically welcomed Mr. Dickson as minister and friend. He was officially installed on January 11, 1949.

Mr. Dickson's pastorate was a period of building. In 1948 and 1949

the church carried out its plan of assisting in the building of East Belmont Presbyterian Church. Miss Nell Hall, William A. Dixon, and R. Clarence Dixon were appointed as First Presbyterian members of the joint Building Committee; and Clarence Dixon served as liaison agent between that committee and the session and the congregation of First Presbyterian Church. To this building program the church contributed \$30,040 in bonds as well as the titles to the manse on Church Street, the church property on Catawba Street, and the old chapel property. The years have shown the wisdom of this investment. East Belmont Church was free of debt and dedicated on November 4, 1954. It has long since become a strong self-supporting church.

In 1950 a recreation building was added to the First Presbyterian Church plant. The members of the Building Committee were: Miss Georgie Cathey, Mrs. N. F. (Faye) Dixon, Grover Stewart, W. A. Dixon, and Walter M. "Prep" Hall. The cost of the building was \$29,117. An extra \$4,000 was spent for equipment under the direction of Lucille Hall (Mrs. J. K., Jr.) and the Kitchen Committee of the Women of the Church. The dedication service for the new building was held on November 3, 1950, following a family night supper, the first of many events of fellowship which this building made possible.

The third building project was considered in 1951. This was the erection of a new sanctuary or the remodeling of the old one. Since there was no clear consensus as to which course to follow, a Study Committee was appointed to consider the building needs of the church. The members of this committee were: R. C. Dixon, Chairman; Miss Margaret Cathey, Frank P. Hall, Jr., W. J. Pharr, and S. P. Stowe, Jr. This committee reported on November 16, 1952. Their study had shown that remodeling was not feasible nor had they been able to find a new church site. They recommended that all efforts to remodel the sanctuary be discontinued; that the congregation approve the continuing efforts of the committee in securing a site, architect, and plans; that the congregation be reminded of a new building fund and every member begin systematic contributions to this fund. These recommendations were adopted.

A special committee was appointed to take charge of the new building fund. The members of this committee (R. Dave Hall, Malloy Davis, and Mike R. Patrick) frequently took occasion to call the fund to the attention of the congregation. With no new sanctuary in the immediate

future the congregation voted to air condition the present one.

The church continued its services in the field of week day education. In 1952 a first grade was added to the thriving kindergarten program. By 1953 the kindergarten itself had grown until it required an assistant teacher. The program was recognized as so valuable that the congregation voted to assist with the kindergarten at Springwood Presbyterian Church. In 1954, \$2000 was authorized for kindergarten and young people's work at this church.

On August 1, 1954, the congregation accepted with regret the resignation of the Reverend Walter Dickson, effective August 26 of that year. His new ministry would be to the Saint Phillips Presbyterian Church in Houston, Texas.

THE REVEREND W. PRIESTLY CONYERS, III

1954-1957

The Reverend W. Priestly Conyers, III, of Morehead City, North Carolina, was called to the First Presbyterian Church on November 14, 1954. He accepted the call and five weeks later, December 19, 1954, occupied the pulpit for the first time. With the Assembly-wide "Forward With Christ Movement" starting in January of 1955, the minister moved rapidly to secure the session's endorsement and to get committees appointed and working on the objectives of the program. The installation service for the minister was held at the night meeting on January 30, 1955. The Study and Planning Committee which had not reported since 1952 came before the congregation in 1955 to again report that they had not located a church site. They recommended that all plans for a new building be moved into the realm of future possibilities and that the Deacons proceed to make any needed improvements to the present plant. They also recommended that the Study and Planning Committee be retired in favor of a small committee to watch real estate trends. The recommendations passed with the exception of the last one. The present committee was retained as constituted.

The Deacons promptly acted upon the recommendations to renovate. A committee was selected to oversee the repainting and redecorating of the entire sanctuary. This committee consisted of: Mrs. J. C. (Margaret) Rice, Mrs. W. T. (Miriam) Hall, Jr., Mrs. S. P. (Julia) Stowe, Jr., Miss Abbie Hall, and W. A. Dixon. In this work the committee

found an able assistant in Tom Brice, Deacon's Chairman of House and Grounds. The congregation, returning on July 31, 1955, from weeks of exile to the straight-backed chairs of the unairconditioned Fellowship Hall, rejoiced in the beauty, coolness, and spaciousness of the Sanctuary. The beauty was complemented and enhanced when the Minnie Hall Bible Classroom was refurnished and decorated by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hall, Jr. In 1956 the Deacons recommended the addition of an extra apartment to the manse. This addition, designed to meet the needs of a growing family, would be appreciated by future ministers for it greatly increased the comfort and convenience of the manse.

In 1956 the congregation contributed \$41,098 to the Consolidated Presbyterian College Fund. In the same year a Scholarship Fund was established to aid students from the local church. These actions seem peculiarly fitting to this pastorate for Reverend Conyers was a teacher par excellence. His emphasis upon the close relationship between knowledge and Christian growth foreshadowed the Covenant Life Curriculum in his congregation.

The Reverend W. Priestly Conyers, III, resigned on March 3, 1957, effective as of May 31, 1957, to accept a position at Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia.

THE REVEREND EUGENE D. WITHERSPOON, Th.D. 1958-1969

On December 15, 1957, the Pulpit Nominating Committee recommended to the congregation as pastor Dr. Eugene D. Witherspoon of Saint Andrews Covenant Church, Wilmington, North Carolina. This recommendation being unanimously approved, the call was made and accepted; and Dr. Witherspoon assumed his duties as minister of First Presbyterian Church, Belmont, North Carolina, on February 1, 1958. The installation service took place on March 23, 1958. This service was given heightened emotional significance by the participation of the minister's son and brother. The Reverend Eugene D. Witherspoon, Jr., preached the sermon, and Dr. J. W. Witherspoon charged the pastor.

Dr. Witherspoon proved an excellent administrator and soon had the committees on Christian Education, Missions, Visitation and

Evangelism, and Music and Worship functioning smoothly and providing a direct line between the Session and all of the church activities. Then followed good years for the church, with thoughtful and stimulating sermons, with wise and concerned pastoral care, and with fellowship and friendship.

Two especially important advances in stewardship of possessions should be noted. In 1958 the officers charged the church to pledge to the ideal of stewardship rather than to the demands of a budget. The budget was not made out before the canvass; needless to say, there was no lack of funds for meeting it when pledges were made. In 1962 the officers resolved that the work of the church as a whole should not be hurt by the fact that the local church was planning a Capital Funds Campaign for a new church building. They challenged the church members to at least maintain their pledges for the year at the 1961 level. This challenge was accepted, and in the ensuing years the pledges were not only maintained, but in many cases increased.

The major preoccupation of the entire church from 1961 to 1964 was the planning of a new church physical plant. The Study and Planning Committee nominated in 1951 and retained in 1955 reported in 1961 that a tract of land located at the corner of South Central Avenue and Main Street, the site of the first manse owned by the church, was now available. This land fronted approximately 570 feet on South Central Avenue and approximately 400 feet on South Main Street and could be purchased for a sum not to exceed \$90,000. On March 12, 1961, the congregation approved this report and on April 16, 1961, elected a Planning and Building Committee. The members of this committee were: Frank P. Hall, Jr., Chairman; W. A. Dixon, Vice-Chairman; William J. Pharr, Vice-Chairman; John C. Cowan, III, Robert L. Dick, Mrs. J. C. (Margaret) Rice, Mrs. Frank (Faye) Dixon, R. Dave Hall, Mrs. Paul (Mary Denny) Jones, Willis C. Smith, R. L. Stowe, Jr., S. P. Stowe, Jr., and E. D. Witherspoon, Ex-Officio.

But, alas for the days when the Reverend Mr. Lacy could propose a building in December of 1911 and have it in use as early as 1913! The Planning and Building Committee engaged itself in long periods of intensive study, surfacing only occasionally to report to the congregation and to receive its authorization. On April 15, 1962, the congrega-

gation approved the choice of Mr. Milton Grigg of Charlottesville, Virginia, as architect; on September 23, 1962, the Capital Funds Drive with S. P. Stowe, Jr. as Chairman under the direction of the firm of Ketchum, Inc.; on April 5, 1964, the choice of R. H. Phinnix of Gastonia as contractor; on January 10, 1965, the recommendations as to the handling of the revised estimate of costs, now \$800,000 rather than the originally projected \$500,000.

There were many times of triumphant exhilaration during these years—the congregational singing of “Lead On, O King Eternal” after the decision of March 12, 1961—the never to be forgotten final meeting of the Capital Funds Drive, when the figures added to a staggering \$509,262.60, and the calm faith and determination with which both the Planning and Building Committee and the congregation met the crisis posed by the increased cost. “Go forth with God! The day is now that *Thou* must meet the need.” The text of the ancient hymn would ring loudly in the members’ ears exhorting them to face the future courageously while humbly asking for God’s blessing for the church’s life.

No one would deny that the year 1965 was destined to be a very important one in the life of the First Presbyterian Church in Belmont. From its modest beginnings on Main Street seventy-five years before as Belmont Presbyterian, the church had grown and prospered. God’s blessings could be counted in many different ways. A tradition of leadership in the community, of service to the underprivileged and less fortunate, and an incredibly generous spirit all well characterized the mission of this church. In 1965 there was a tangible sense that more needed to be done, and that an expansion of the ministry and out-reach was not only possible but necessary to insure that growth, both spiritual and physical, would continue to be emphasized. Under the visionary care of Dr. Witherspoon, the congregation used the rich heritage that the church enjoyed to plan the next twenty-five years toward a century for Christ.

The most tangible sign of commitment to the future lay in the completion of the church’s ambitious plans for a new sanctuary and Christian Education building. The planning, prayer, and preparation for what would become one of the most attractive and useful physical plants in the entire Kings Mountain Presbytery took tangible form

at the ground-breaking of May 9, 1965. Frank P. Hall, Jr., S. Pinckney Stowe, Jr., G. Graham Dixon, Mrs. Herman (Louise) Smith, R. Clarence Dixon, Joe Maier, and Bill Boger took shovels in hand that warm spring day to make the dream come true. The Pinnix Construction Company estimated that it would take approximately one year to substantially complete the structure.

While few subjects in the life of the church enjoyed as much captive attention as did the construction progress, the life of the church went along more or less as usual. Sunday nights featured the "Every Member Bible Study Night" at the church. On Tuesday evenings, the Covenant Life Curriculum Programs were popular; and Christian Family Week was celebrated in June.

Since the late 40's, First Presbyterian Church had sponsored a thriving kindergarten and first grade program. Janie Rae Parker (Mrs. L. L.) supervised the co-ordination of these programs but reported in October of 1965 that enrollment for the first grade class totaled only fifteen and that the Session should consider discontinuing the class. Reluctantly the Session approved the motion, encouraging her to continue her fine work with the kindergartners.

On August 22, 1965, Faye S. (Mrs. N. F.) Dixon was elected Elder. The significance of Mrs. Dixon being elected the first female Elder in the history was not lost as it was reported to the Synod.

On Sunday, November 14, 1965, a celebration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of First Presbyterian Church in Belmont was held. Reverend Currie, former minister of the church, delivered the morning message, and the Reverend W. Priestly Conyers, also a former minister, presided at a special Sunday evening service. A pageant, written by the Director of Christian Education, Marcia Hudson, was put on by members of the church. Many remember the story of a little boy played by Bobby Decker as he heard the story of the founding of the church as told by his "grandfather," Mr. Ike Howe.

While the members awaited the completion of the new church, many items of interest took place in 1966. Dr. Witherspoon introduced the ritual "passing of the peace." Prior to taking communion the person "passing the peace" takes another's outstretched hands in his own, flesh on flesh, but without a grip, calls his Christian name, and says "The peace of God be with you." At first, some members expressed an

awkward feeling learning this ritual but quickly became more comfortable with it.

Long known for its roster of civic leaders, First Presbyterian Church was recognized for providing human resources to bring area projects into existence. Dan Stowe, W. J. Pharr, and R. Dave Hall helped found the Presbyterian Home of Charlotte to be called Sharon Towers. Another equally distinguished group encouraged the congregation to vote for a bond referendum to build the Gaston Memorial Hospital.

With its traditional emphasis on Christian Education, members of First Presbyterian Church eagerly participated in a Sunday afternoon and evening every member Bible study that ran from 2:00–8:00 p.m. weekly. The Sunday School classes had lively debates on the Vietnam War, race relations, and the poverty that was pervasive in the Appalachian Highlands so close to Belmont. The mission offerings taken to relieve such human suffering were generously supported.

On March 31, 1966, as the entire Belmont Central School watched from the school yard across Main Street, a crane lifted the steeple toward its resting place atop the Sanctuary building, but something went terribly wrong. The steeple toppled over and fell to the ground. Fortunately no one was injured, but the spire was damaged, requiring the framework to be rebuilt. In addition to this worry, the contractor repeated the pleas with the congregation not to visit the church site because curious on-lookers were tracking mud on to the newly waxed floors.

As the summer approached, so did the completion of the new church. Actually, several weddings were held in the new sanctuary before the construction had been completed. Nancy Reade Hall (Mrs. Holcombe Green) was the first to be married in the new building, and Phyllis McKnight (Mrs. Kenneth Nixon) was next.

On Sunday, July 24, 1966, the last church service was held in the building on Glenway and Catawba Streets. At the conclusion of the service the Pulpit Bible was carried out by Willis Smith, Clerk of the Session. The following Sunday, in a moving and emotional ceremony, Mr. Smith brought the Bible into the new Sanctuary and placed it on the pulpit. During the week preceding the first service in the new church, Mary Margaret Hunter (Mrs. T. Marion) organized the little children to go to the old church, have refreshments, and pick up a toy of their choice and place it with loving care in their new Sunday

School room in the new building so as to have an equal role in the movement from one church building to the next.

The *Gastonia Gazette* provided the region with the following complete and thorough description of the new church:

The \$800,000 structure is the creation of architect Milton Grigg of Charlottesville, Virginia. It was erected on the 570' x 400' parcel of land by Robert H. Pinnix Inc. of Gastonia.

The narthex, constructed with a dome effect and entered through Gothic archways, sets the mood for worship. On the brick wall are these words: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

Most striking feature of the sanctuary is the stained glass windows by Willet, executed in vivid reds, blues, purples, greens, and yellows. As the sunlight filters through the high windows, soft patches of color dance upon the green carpet.

The window over the chancel, a Gothic arch, is a blend of the past, present, and future Christian history. Centering the window is a large Chi Rho (the first two letters of Christ) in green with flaming tips extending earthward.

Depicted on the lower level are today's people representing all walks of life. On the second level are figures of the Protestant Reformation, such as Luther, Calvin, and Knox.

Portrayed on the third level are men and women of Biblical days, and represented at the top of the arch is the 'Church Triumphant.'

Extending the length of the sanctuary on either side are colorful and dramatic portrayals of Biblical history in stained glass.

The right side (facing the chancel, from front to rear) is devoted to Old Testament events. The left side (facing the chancel, from rear to front) shows scenes from the life of Christ.

Old Testament quotations, carved in raised letters on the woodwork, trace historical events before Christ.

The quotations are: 'In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth; I have established my covenant and remembered it: Let my people go that they may serve me; The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want; I would seek God and to God commit my cause.' Recognized in the windows are Adam and Eve, Noah and the ark, Abraham, Moses and David.

Quoted under the New Testament windows are: 'To you is born this day a Savior Who is Christ the Lord; This is My Beloved Son, listen to Him: Come unto me all you who labor and are heavy laden; Greater love has no man than this; I know that my Redeemer Lives!' Scenes include: the manger birth; Jesus in the temple; calling the disciples; the healing ministry of Jesus; the triumphant ride into Jerusalem; the Last Supper; the Crucifixion; and the ascension of Christ.

Giving an appearance of strength and height are the laminated pine

arches reaching to the wooden ceiling. Except for the arches and the ceiling, the interior of the sanctuary is the same Old Charleston brick used for the exterior.

Another focal point of the sanctuary, rich in symbolism, is the pulpit. The dominant cross centering the brick and wood pulpit is set off with symbols of apostles in each corner.

In the lower left corner is the winged man, symbol of Matthew, representing the humanity of Jesus. The upper left figure is a winged lion, representing Luke and depicting the royalty of Christ. The winged ox at the upper left represents Mark and symbolizes the atonement of the Savior. At the lower right is the winged eagle, symbol of John, depicting the soaring to spiritual heights to the throne of grace.

Directly behind the communion table is a meeting place for the session which dates back to the early church.

Another early Church feature is the choir loft situated in the rear balcony, which accommodates the organ console and 50 seats. Behind the balcony is a large choir rehearsal room, and further back are dressing and locker rooms for both men and women. Also provided is a small office in the event the church should require the services of a minister of music. Mrs. Malloy Davis is now organist-choir director. Soft cushions covered in green stretch the length of all the handsome Philippine mahogany pews. Arranged farther apart than usual, the pews will be placed closer together when additional seating is needed. With the shorter pews beyond the archways and those in the balcony, the sanctuary presently offers seating for 476 and an ultimate seating capacity of 576.

Behind the sanctuary are the library and the administrative offices for Director of Christian Education, Marcia Massey, the church secretary, and the pastor. There's also a conference room, equipped with a snack nook, for committee meetings, etc.

The pecan-paneled study, which Dr. Witherspoon planned himself, offers plenty of natural lighting from the wide windows and has an abundance of bookshelves and cabinets. 'For the first time,' grinned the good pastor, 'I have space for all my books.'

Visiting the new church plant for the first time it is easy to lose direction in the many-roomed buildings. So, somewhere in the administrative unit are an attractive parlor (carpeted in gold) with kitchenette, a bride's dressing room, and a chapel.

'Eighty cathedral chairs are provided in the chapel, in order to make the seating arrangements flexible,' Dr. Witherspoon explains. 'It will be ideal,' he says, 'for small weddings and funerals.' A Mohler pipe organ will be installed later. The stained glass windows here show symbols of Christ, communion and marriage.

The second unit houses class-rooms for toddlers and babies; a modern, well-equipped kitchen, a fellowship hall, a sewing room, and facilities for

the weekday kindergarten. The fellowship hall, painted in a warm yellow, will seat 400 comfortably. The sewing room, equipped with a kitchenette, is used by elderly women who use their spare moments to make garments and other useful articles for the mission fields.

The third unit is built in a sort of semi-circle, forming a courtyard which will become a scenic spot, beautiful with flowers and shrubbery. With the classrooms here and in the second building, there is a total of 20 classrooms, 13 for children and youth and seven for adults.

On Sunday, July 31, 1966, the first service in the new church was held. The chapel was open for those who wished to pause for prayer and thanksgiving before the actual church service. Open house was held on August 21 and 28 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. with church officers and their wives hosting. Furnishings for the Education Building were weeks late so everyone had to be patient. The actual Service of Dedication of the new building was on August 14. On Tuesday night, August 16, Dr. Richard Peek, Music Director of the Covenant Presbyterian Church in Charlotte dedicated the Sanctuary organ. Mary Denny Decker, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Decker, was the first infant baptized in the new building.

The Sessional records indicated that upon moving into the new church building Sunday School attendance was up 100 percent! One hundred and seventeen adults were in Sunday School on November 6, 1966. The year ended with the Senior Highs holding their annual Christmas Party for underprivileged children in Belmont, an event greatly anticipated by the children participating and applauded loudly by church and civic leaders. As was the long standing tradition, the Christmas Service was held at 10:00 a.m. on Christmas morning.

Worship itself would be the theme of 1967. Beginning in February, worship services were carried live on WCGC Radio in Belmont. Copies of the minister's sermons were made available for personal study and family devotions. While later they would be recorded for wide distribution, this was the beginning of a very important element of service to the members of the church, especially the shut-ins. With great ceremony, awards were given in a church service to youths reciting the Shorter Catechism.

Miss Rose Lindsay became the new choir director. Mrs. Malloy (Dorothy) Davis, Organist and Choir Director for many years, had asked to be relieved of at least part of her responsibility when the new

church was completed. Mr. W. A. (Bill) Mason and the Music Committee secured Miss Lindsay's services, and a new era in church and worship music began.

A teen center called the "Purple Onion" was opened two Friday evenings a month for the youth of the church and the community at large. Music, fun, food, and recreation in our fellowship hall was arranged, and it quickly became "the place to go" for teens of the entire town. The center was governed by a Youth Board under the supervision of the D.C.E. and other adults.

Manifesting its long-standing and close relationship with Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia, for a week in November, five students came to Belmont to lead worship, recreation, and informal talks. Union Seminary had long considered Belmont an exceptional place to direct young students to learn.

Like most Americans, members of this church were greatly moved by the scenes on television of the effects of the Vietnam War on the innocent civilians there. A successful clothing drive was held for victims of the war; the most badly needed articles were infants' and children's clothing which arrived in unprecedented amounts.

The tradition of making Chrismons was begun. Church members were asked to contribute pearls, gold beads, old white candles, and heavy gold foil for these ornaments as well as other supplies for the new store rooms. Many women gave countless hours to make the beautiful ornaments which were used to adorn annual Chrismon trees.

The decade of the sixties would close with a number of noteworthy events in the life of the church. A psychologist taught a month long course on "Generation Gap: How to Live With Your Teenager." Belmont in the sixties was not immune to the generational problems experienced throughout the land. There was a great feeling that with love and support the children of our church need not feel as isolated as some. The church continued to provide its practice of holding an open house monitored study hall during exam week at Belmont High School. Women of the Church provided refreshments.

On National College Day, Dr. Ansley C. Moore, President of St. Andrews College in Laurinburg, North Carolina, delivered the Sunday morning message. Dr. Moore singled out First Presbyterian Church in Belmont for its history of faithful and consistent support to that college and noted its great leadership to many institutions. First Pres-

byterian has contributed a number of trustees, strong leadership, and financial support to many such institutions around the area.

The *Barium Springs Messenger* paid tribute to Robert Lee Stowe, Jr., in 1969. For 25 years he had come to the Barium Springs Home bringing Christmas gifts and an envelope with money for each boy and girl. In 1969 he brought a magician to entertain the children. Jim Dixon also gave of his time to show Christmas films to the children. First Presbyterian in Belmont was also congratulated for its faithful support of this Presbyterian mission.

At the end of the five year pledge period for the building fund, a deficit of \$194,723 existed. On March 2, 1969, a recommendation was approved that a Capital Campaign be conducted to raise \$225,000 to retire the existing debt on the building. The campaign was successful, and within one year the debt was retired.

On August 4, 1969, Dr. Eugene D. Witherspoon announced his retirement. A copy of his sermon, "The Church In Our Times," was published by the *Charlotte Observer*.

THE REVEREND JOSEPH HENRY
JOHNSON VERNON, D.M.
1970-1979

On October 4, 1970, Dr. Joseph Henry Johnson Vernon was installed as the ninth minister of the First Presbyterian Church in Belmont, coming from Eastminster Presbyterian Church, Charlotte.

As might be expected, with Dr. Vernon came a subtle but distinct re-orientation of many of the programs of First Presbyterian Church. Dr. Vernon's call would emphasize personal commitment and the need for daily personal Bible study. Poetry, words of inspiration, and calls for family devotions appeared on the back of the Sunday morning bulletins. A mid-week prayer service, initiated by Elder Tom Moore while the church was without a minister, continued on Wednesday evenings led by the Elders, serving a small but faithful group of followers. A daily summer youth program was instituted for pre-school through ninth grade.

A Junior Choir program was established fulfilling a dream held by many for an expanded, graded music program. David Lowry, the then Organist/Music Director, was a teacher at heart and is given credit

for beginning the first structured music program aimed at the youth of the church.

On February 7, 1971, Elder Marshall Rhyne, Sr., asked the Session to dedicate the Fourth Sunday Loose Offering exclusively for world hunger relief. Organized under the Sessional Service Committee in 1971, the Young-At-Heart Group was founded. The Session also decided to allow two representatives of the Senior High Youth Fellowship to assist in ushering on Sunday mornings. The responsibility for collecting the offering was still exclusively vested in the Board of Deacons.

In July, 1971, the church staff welcomed a new Director of Christian Education, Eleanor Godfrey. Eleanor, a true professional, had a great vision for the Christian Education program. Among other things, she was credited for initiating the fellowship suppers on Wednesday night.

Coffee and hot chocolate fellowship time was established on Sunday mornings, and by the end of the year 32 Junior Highs and 23 Senior Highs were active in the Youth Program. Due in large part to the success of the youth programs, the congregation pledged to support a student intern program, bringing seminary students to Belmont for one year of parish work. While some thought this was a revolutionary idea to add to the church staff, the program proved very effective and popular with the youth.

Banners and processions were emphasized in the church services and were well received. Banners added to the observance of the seasons of the church, little recognized previously. An alternative summer schedule was tried in the summer of 1973 and 1974 with Church School beginning at 9:30 a.m. and Worship at 10:05. Though popular with some, this schedule did little to encourage Church School attendance and was later abandoned.

Our first student intern from Union Theological Seminary was Daniel G. Stitt. Dan was very popular with the youth and seemed to learn a great deal from his experience in Belmont. While his role was to be primarily a youth minister, this associate ministerial position proved to be a valuable, important, and ongoing mission of the church for the next 5 years.

More traditions were initiated in the period 1974 to 1976 that proved to be popular and worthy additions. Friendship Sponsors of new members was begun. The tradition of sending cookies to college students

and servicemen was continued with great appreciation expressed by all. The first appeal was made to the congregation to support a summer program for international students at Sacred Heart College in Belmont. The church agreed to take a leadership role in hosting the foreign students. The practice was begun to have Elder and Family Greeters stationed in the doorways before and after the church services welcoming newcomers and members alike. The Christmas service, long an institution in the church, was moved to 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve. Many visitors began coming to the candlelight service.

A number of staff changes occurred during this time that changed dramatically the composition of the program. On June 30, 1974, Janie Rae Parker retired as week-day kindergarten teacher after twenty-four years of service in that position. It was acknowledged that she positively affected "a lot of little lives." Without her wisdom and dedication, the program was discontinued. Eleanor Godfrey resigned as Director of Christian Education to accept a post at Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, and Music Director, David Lowry, left to broaden his responsibilities as Music Professor at Winthrop College. Mrs. Charles Summey accepted the position as Choir Director and Organist and began October 1. Mrs. Summey greatly expanded the children and youth choirs. Handbells were acquired and bell choirs for youth and adults were begun. Mr. Walt King, from Landrum, South Carolina, arrived as the second student intern from Union Seminary.

The year 1975 brought Sue Alice Ruddick, Director of Christian Education, and student intern, Bill Lindeman, who built on the strong youth and music programs by producing a youth musical in the spring of 1976 called *Get Me To The World On Time*. Based loosely on the *My Fair Lady* story, twenty-three members of the Junior and Senior Highs staged three sold out performances in the Fellowship Hall and even performed the show at the First A.R.P. Church in Gastonia.

Adult Growth and Parent Education (AGAPE) classes were offered in 1976. Very large numbers of young adults and parents attended these classes and greatly appreciated the church offering them. Many regarded this to be the first psychological approach to Christian Education. In the summer of 1976 the Ritual of Friendship Registry Books were introduced, and a special Sunday Service was held for the National Bi-Centennial on July 2, 1976.

The Session met with Dr. Clements Lamberth, Jr., on February 13, 1977, to plan the first major goal setting and objective program for the church. This program was to be based on the needs, strengths, and weaknesses of the church at the time. A Steering Committee was appointed by the Session to bring the program into focus and to act accordingly. As a result of a series of meetings by this group, goals and objectives were established and on October 25, 1977, approved by the Session and assigned appropriate Sessional Committees to be implemented into the life of the church. *The Harbinger*, a general interest news letter about the congregation, was started, and an increased emphasis on benevolent giving as a percentage of the annual budget are examples of accomplishments born of this formal goal setting process.

At the close of the decade of the 70's, one witnessed the birth of new programs, expansion of existing ones, and the ending of select chapters in the life of the church. Dr. Vernon chose the spring of 1979 to announce that he intended to accept a call from First Presbyterian Church in Staunton, Virginia. His last Sunday was May 27. Dr. Lawrence I. Stell, a well-known Presbyterian minister and church administrator, accepted the call to be interim pastor in Belmont.

Seldom if ever had the program of music taken on such a ministerial quality as it did during this period. Many of the church's elder members and those who were confined to their homes because of age or infirmity appreciated the near missionary efforts of the handbell choir which performed in their homes for their individual enjoyment and pleasure.

THE REVEREND LESLIE CAMPBELL TUCKER, JR. 1980-

The search for a new minister was long and difficult but proved successful when on March 23, 1980, the congregation called the Reverend Leslie Campbell Tucker, Jr., senior minister of the First Presbyterian Church of Gainesville, Florida, to Belmont.

Charged with seeing that the church's physical plant was more completely utilized and the mission and membership of the church be ever expanded, The Reverend Tucker was installed on July 27, 1980. In his first year in Belmont, the order of worship was changed to reflect the Reformed Tradition, an Ecumenical Thanksgiving service was begun

in 1980, and Holy Communion was added to the Christmas Eve Service. Leslie and Lenoir Tucker were known for their true Southern hospitality and opened their home on many occasions for dinners, gatherings, and receptions. Pew Bibles were installed by the Memorial and Endowment Committee, and the first pictorial directory covering the entire church membership was published. The annual June congregational picnic in the yard of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hall, Jr., became a tradition. In 1980 the Session appointed a committee to implement the action of the General Assembly which permitted children of believers to receive Holy Communion.

Mr. Tucker's staff was strengthened with the call of Forrest Palmer as Director of Christian Education from Tallahassee, Florida. Forrest, and his wife Barbara, also a trained Christian Educator, creatively and imaginatively administered the Sunday School program now formally known as the Church School.

At Rally Day on September 16, 1982, two dedicated members of the Church, Nell Hall Dixon (Mrs. R. Clarence) and Robert Lee Stowe, Jr., were paid the highest tribute given from the Christian Education Committee as they were honored for their respective sixty-year involvement in the Sunday School program. Few would argue that these two individuals had played extraordinary roles in the life of the church over the past half century. A tradition of annually honoring outstanding Christian Educators was then begun.

Tina Summey, the Director of Music and Organist, given credit for expanding the music program of the church, announced that she would retire in April of 1982. For the first time in its history, the church called a full-time organist and Music Director, Richard M. Wilson. Richard carried on the proud tradition of the music program in the church by arranging carillon recitals, organizing an early music ensemble, and performing and coordinating periodic organ recitals in the evening. Two significant additions to the music ministry were made during this time. Mrs. William James Pharr gave to the Glory of God, the William James Pharr Carillon in memory of her husband and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Stowe; and on January 9, 1983, the George M. Howe family dedicated the antiphonal organ at the front of the Sanctuary to his memory.

In June of 1983, the northern and southern Presbyterian Churches, divided by the Civil War in 1861, were formally reunited at the At-

Ilanta General Assembly as the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Prior to the reunion, there were study groups in all churches and Presbyteries, leading to the historic General Assembly. Attending the celebration of the reunited church from Belmont were: W. A. Dixon, Jr., Commissioner to the Assembly from Concord Presbytery; Leslie C. Tucker, Jr.; Sue Howe and Lawrence Stell; S. P. Stowe, Jr.; Tom M. Moore; Elizabeth Mason; Ruth Wilkie (Mrs. Clarence); Joanne Watkins (Mrs. Frank, Jr.); Miriam Stewart; and Carol Dixon (Mrs. W. A., Jr.). Following the reunion, several new innovations took place; the Elders in active service in a church became trustees of the corporation of the local church, and congregational nominating committees were required in all churches. The nominating committee was to include fair representation to persons of all age groups, male and female, and all racial ethnic members of each congregation. By the reunion the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) became the largest Presbyterian denomination in America and the second largest Protestant denomination in the world.

In an effort to continue to expand the church's ministry in the community as well as to increase the utilization of the physical plant, a committee was constituted in late 1983 to study the feasibility of a Day School at the church. With a mandate to minister to the needs of the working families in the Belmont area, this committee worked diligently to prepare a set of recommendations for the congregation's consideration.

Under the visionary care of Sharon White (Mrs. Gary), the committee was chaired by Bill Woody and made up of members: Ron Ware, S. Pinckney Stowe, Jr., Elizabeth Mason, Mary Randall Rhyne (Mrs. Walter), Jennifer Davis (Mrs. Malloy), Forrest Palmer, D.C.E., and Barbara Palmer. The First Presbyterian Day School opened in the fall of 1984. The number of children served grew from 20 to over a hundred in the first year and a half, firmly re-establishing First Church's mission to pre-schoolers which had been a vital part of the program since the late '40s.

A Winter Lecture Series, later named the Frank P. Hall, Jr. Lecture Series, was initiated in 1984 when Dr. Bill Arnold, Dean of Faculty and Professor of Pastoral Care at Union Theological Seminary, delivered a series of lectures beginning Friday night and ending from the pulpit on Sunday. A very successful Lenten Luncheon Series began

in the Spring of 1982 and was held on the six Fridays that preceded Easter. Soup, sandwich, and a twenty minute message from an area church, civic, or business leader proved to be very popular in the church and the community. A Two-Cents-A-Meal Offering Program began, and the church also received recognition for its work done in receiving and caring for economic and political refugees from the Third World. Received on Reaffirmation of Faith on December 13, 1981, from the Catholic Church of Vietnam were: Lung Thi Nguyen and her children—Vuong Ngoc Bui, Lan Bach Bui, Thuy Mong Bui, Phuong Kim Bui; and grandchild—Thanh Ngoc Bui. At that same time Lam Tong Quach, who later married Lan Bui, was received on Reaffirmation of Faith. Vaclav Forejt was received on Reaffirmation of Faith from the Czech Brothers Church, Czechoslovakia, on June 10, 1984. A devastating drought in Ethiopia was much discussed in late 1984 resulting in a Christmas Eve Offering taken up for this specific cause. The amount of \$5,068.64 was collected in that single offering.

The church's historic pattern of employing Directors of Christian Education and student interns led to the calling of the Reverend Randall B. Boggs to become Associate Minister in Christian Education in July 1985. The use of chancel paraments and colorful banners made by the women of the church became more wide-spread. The church seasons were more sensitively considered when evidenced by the color coordinated parament changes.

In the spring of 1986 the choir of the First Presbyterian Church joined the choir of First Presbyterian in Gastonia to present John Rutter's *Gloria* in recital in Gastonia. Twenty-eight members, the largest number of adult choir members on record in Belmont, made the performance special. The event was soon followed by Richard Wilson's acceptance of a call to be Director of Music at Forest Hill Presbyterian Church in Charlotte. He would be capably followed by Benjamin J. Outen, III, a recent Yale graduate and native of Pageland, South Carolina. Ben's talents included imagination and creativity in his work with the children's music program. He also worked to broaden the community's appreciation of music by coordinating the Open Arts Series and a number of ambitious choral and orchestral works.

The Session, under the auspices of the Service Committee, sponsored the first congregational retreat in the fall of 1987. Dr. Robert Martin,

College Chaplain at St. Andrews Presbyterian College, Laurinburg, North Carolina, was the leader of the retreat. Walter M. Hall, III, Chairman, Bill Elder, Elizabeth Mason, Amy Reynolds, Jeff Rhyne, Nelson Thomas, Gayla Woody (Mrs. William), and Randall Boggs, ex-officio, composed the committee that arranged the first retreat for the entire congregation to be held over a long weekend at Montreat. During the breaks between lectures, the participants, representing as many as forty families of the church, feasted on an amazing array of snacks provided by each family. Many remember feeling spiritually and physically fulfilled at the end of these happy weekends. Prior to the first Congregational retreat, two Officer Retreats were held at Montreat as well.

The 80's saw First Presbyterian continue to expand its tradition of assisting in the growth of area churches. Significant support was given to Love's Chapel, a black Presbyterian Church in Belmont founded 120 years before. During a building program and again when Love's Chapel was without a minister, First Presbyterian offered its resources generously. West Avenue Presbyterian Church in Gastonia asked First Presbyterian for support when it launched its ambitious building plans in a declining, industrial section of Gastonia. A five year commitment was made with West Avenue's needs securely placed in the church's benevolence budget. In 1989 the Howe family established a memorial which provided annual income for local benevolences. Also in 1989 the Session approved the establishment of a counseling center as a satellite of the Presbyterian Family Life Center of Charlotte.

In 1990, the church began the Centennial year with 517 members, and a budget of over \$335,000, 25% of which was committed to benevolent causes. Such an emphasis re-established First Presbyterian Church in Belmont as a Presbytery leader in benevolent giving.

God's blessings have come to His people in various ways and in many forms. Among the numerous blessings He has bestowed upon this congregation is a rich and full heritage. Truly we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses who have given to their posterity an example which should cause every grateful heart to strive to live a life of service for the community, for the world, for the church, and for God.

As we confront the next era in the church's life, and in the life of the world in which the church finds itself, our heritage speaks sig-

nificantly to each of us. It challenges us to new effort to learn of God's eternal truths that our witness to the world may be clear, certain, and convincing. It challenges us to a new commitment to Christ so sincere that we will give Him priority in life and will permit His spirit to enter every attitude, activity, and relationship of daily living. It challenges us not to be bound by our heritage, as our forefathers were not bound by theirs, but to become willing instruments in God's hands to serve our day and generation. It challenges us as a congregation to come to grips with the evil and desperate need about us, and to move out where men and women are caught up and struggling in the strange and baffling hostility of our culture, and to refuse to be content with being an unchanging and self-satisfied island of sanctity in the midst of an unholy world. The past challenges us to prepare our minds and hearts now so that we may be able to hear the voice of God speaking to us and be willing to follow it where He would lead us. Our heritage says to us indeed, "Lead On O King Eternal. . ."



Dr. W. E. McIlwaine,
whose efforts led to the
organizing of the church
at Belmont.



Goshen Church, our Mother church, organized 1764.

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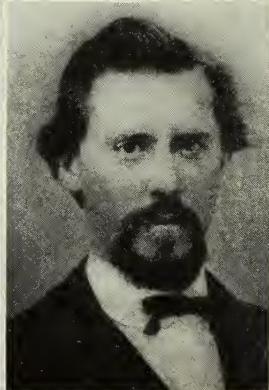
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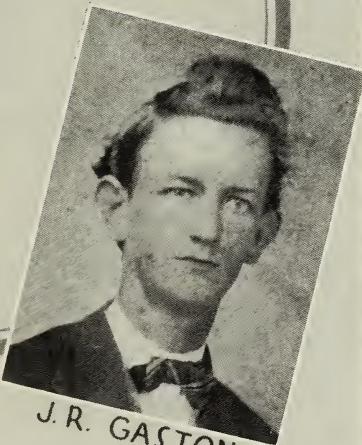
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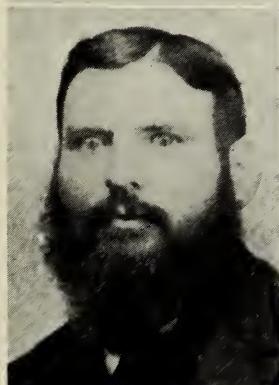
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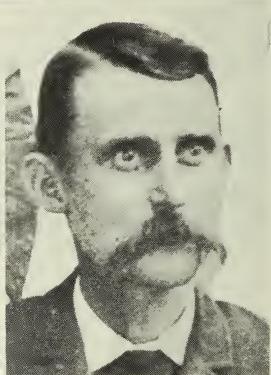
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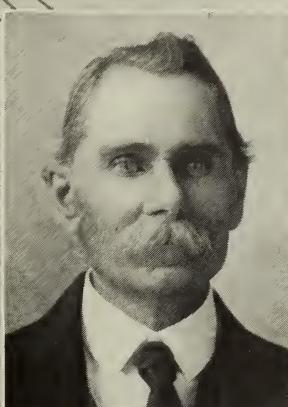
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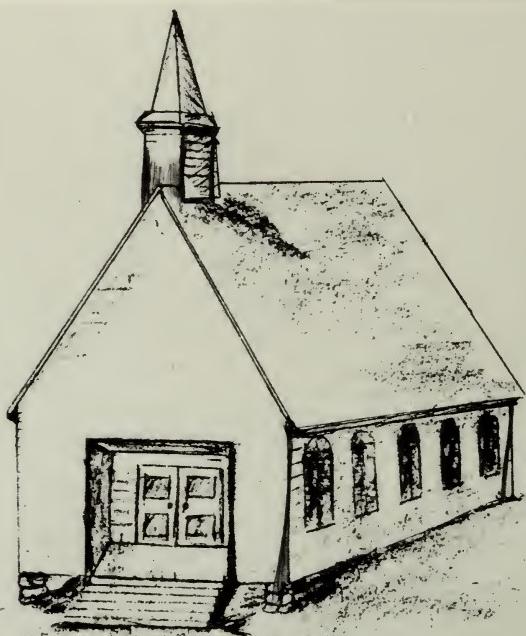


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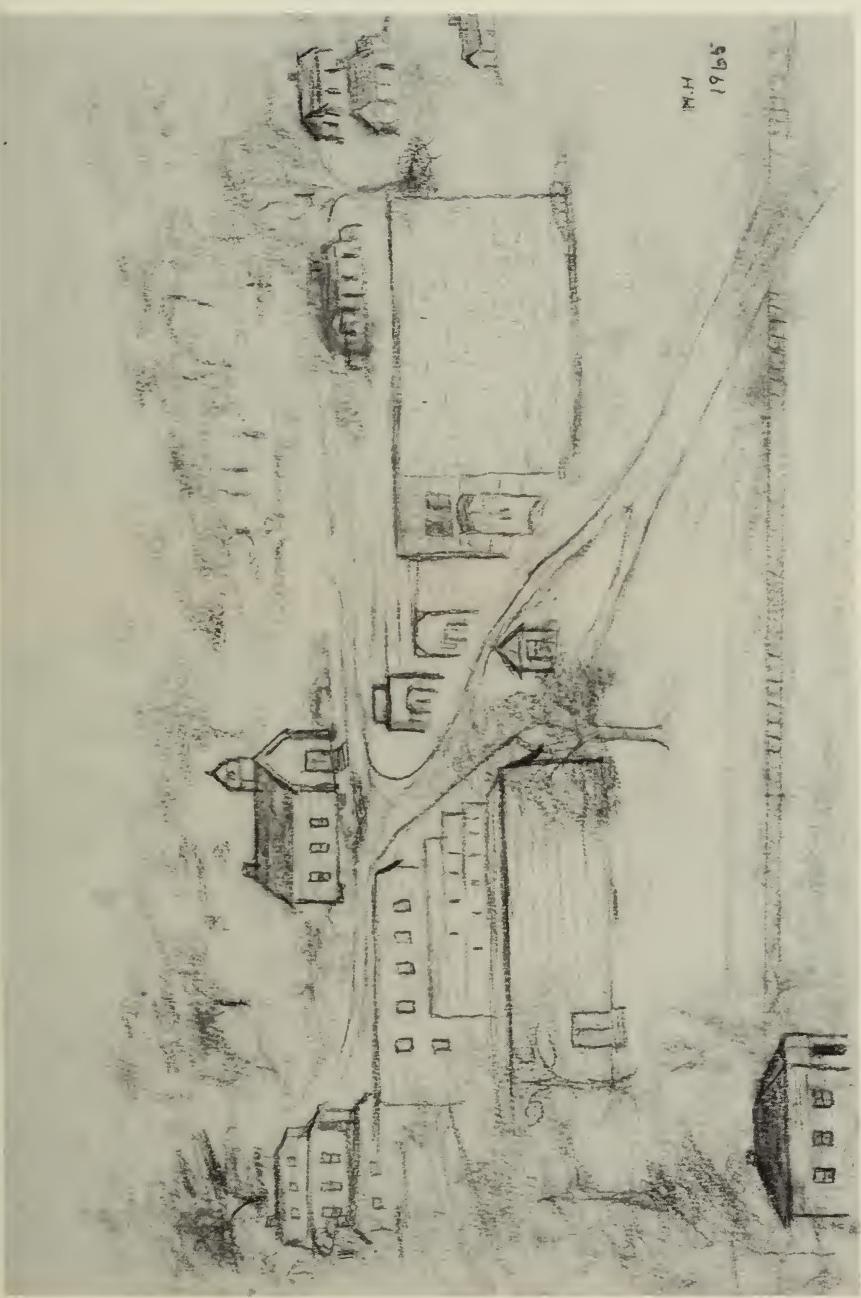
Two sketches of the first church on North Main Street as recalled by members.
No original photograph of the church exists.



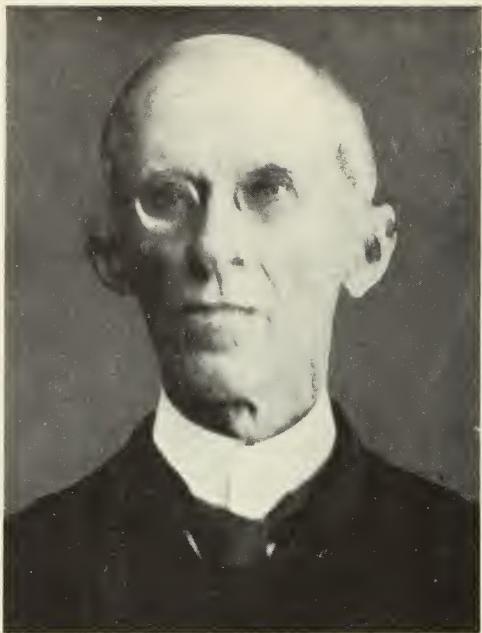
George W. Stowe III
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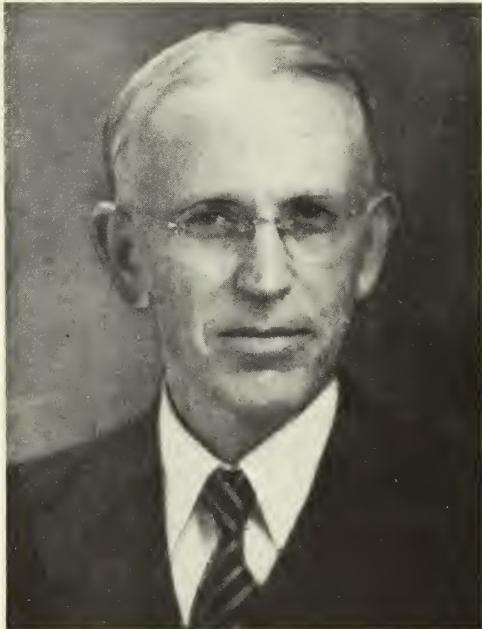
Sketch by Mildred Hanks (Mrs. Spratt) in 1965 of Belmont circa 1900.
First church building actually faced the opposite direction.



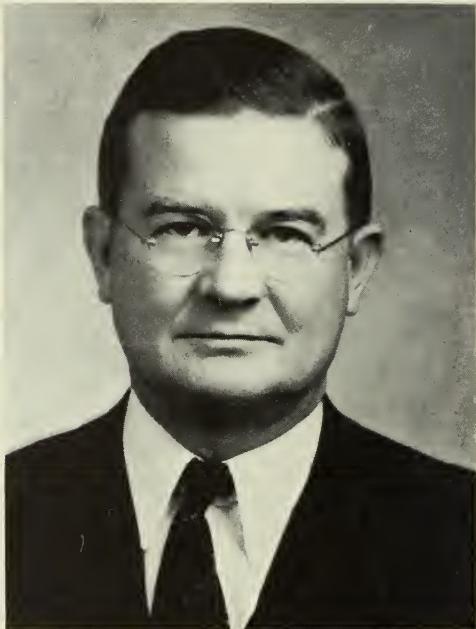
The Reverend R. A. Miller
Pastor, 1891-1909



The Reverend W. S. Lacy, D.D.
Pastor, 1911-1915



The Reverend J. T. Dendy, D.D.
Pastor, 1916-1927



The Reverend William M. Currie
Pastor, 1928-1948



The Reverend J. Walter Dickson, Jr., D.D.
Pastor, 1948-1954



The Reverend W. Priestly Conyers, III
Pastor, 1955-1957



The Reverend Eugene D. Witherspoon, Th.D.
Pastor, 1958-1969



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Pastor, 1970-1979

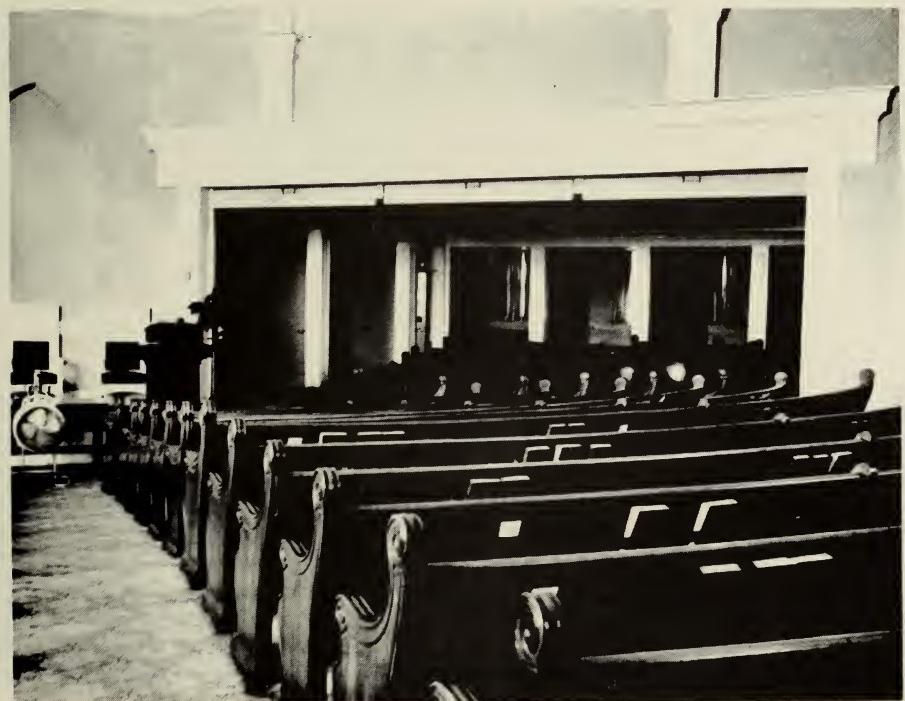


The second church building on Catawba Street.





The second church building on Catawba Street.





The Reverend Leslie C. Tucker, Jr.
Pastor, 1980-



The Reverend Randall B. Boggs
Associate Minister, 1985-





The third church building on the corner of
Central Avenue and Main Street.





The Memorial Window



Carillon Tower



Chrismont Tree



The Sanctuary



Belmont, circa 1900. First church building at end of street.



Belmont, circa 1920



Belmont, 1990

III

The History of Music at First Presbyterian Church, Belmont

FROM THE HYMN singing at Belmont Station, to the purchase of the first pump organ, to a forty-eight bell carillon, and now a performing arts series which annually features the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra, the First Presbyterian Church of Belmont has been musically active and richly blessed. The history of Belmont's First Presbyterian Church written in 1965 says that the earliest recollection of music was when "Mr. John Quincy Rhyne would 'heist the tune' and the congregation would join in." These first Presbyterians sang hymns unaccompanied, a feat which modern congregations find daunting. This feat, however, is symbolic of the verve with which First Presbyterian has pursued excellence in music for its worship of God and its outreach in Belmont and the surrounding communities.

Belmont Presbyterian Church did not wait long after its organization to invest in an organ. Mrs. F. P. Hall and Miss Sue Stowe, the first two organists of the church, bought an Estey Reed Organ at Andrew's Music Store in Charlotte. The money for this instrument was raised by the Ladies' Aid Society at the time when they were furnishing the first sanctuary. In early services at Belmont Presbyterian, Mrs. Hall and Miss Stowe played hymns from *The American Tune Book*, a collection of current hymn tunes. The congregation sang from smaller books which contained only the hymn texts.

The first organ in Belmont Presbyterian Church had to be pumped by the organist's feet while he or she played. Sometime before 1913, however, this organ was replaced. The church purchased another Estey organ. The new organ had the ability to be pumped by the organist or by someone seated behind the instrument where there was a pump handle and a wind pressure gauge. This allowed Mrs. Hall and Miss Stowe greater freedom for playing.

Deliberations began in 1925 about purchasing a pipe organ for Belmont Presbyterian Church. A committee chaired by George W. Stowe

including Mrs. F. P. Hall, Mrs. Robert (Edith Self) Cox, R. Dave Hall, and Charles H. Sloan studied the church's need for an organ and proceeded to examine the work of many organ builders. The committee recommended to the Session that the Austin Organ Company of Hartford, Connecticut, should build the first pipe organ. Mr. Edwin M. Steckel, Supervisor of music for the Gastonia City Schools and organist for the new Gastonia High School, was hired to design the specifications. Belmont Presbyterian's first pipe organ included 1013 pipes (15 ranks), a 61-note harp, and a set of 25 tubular-chimes built by the Degan company for ten-thousand dollars. Modifications to the front of the church and the choir loft plus an addition to the building were necessary for the installation of the instrument. Work was completed in 1927, and the organ began its service that summer.

Mrs. F. P. Hall was still organist of the church when the new Austin was finished. At this time the Session appointed as her assistants Miss Mary Howe, Miss Pearl Lineberger, Mrs. Wayne Fite, and Robert Stowe, Jr. All of the assistants began to take organ lessons; according to early histories of Belmont Presbyterian, "the rafters of the church literally rang with music." Mrs. C. W. Fite, a young public school music teacher, lived with Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Hall when she first came to Belmont from Lenoir, NC. Mrs. Fite shared the service playing responsibilities with Mrs. Hall until she was called by First Baptist Church, Belmont, to substitute. Soon thereafter, Mrs. Fite became the organist at First Baptist Church where she served for many years.

In the early thirties Mrs. F. P. Hall relinquished the responsibility of being church organist. Mary Howe, later Mrs. R. Davidson Hall, took her place. Mrs. Hall led Belmont Presbyterian in music as the organist and choir director for many years.

While Mary Hall was organist of Belmont Presbyterian, Maude Poole and her sister, Mary Poole, of Raeford, North Carolina, came to Belmont to assume positions as public school music teachers. Mary Poole taught piano to the children of Belmont. Later she married Hugh Lowe who became a staunch choir member. Mary Lowe helped in the church as a frequent substitute but was never the church organist.

Maude Poole and Mary Lowe joined Belmont Presbyterian on September 14, 1930, at which time Miss Poole became the choir director. Throughout the many years that Maude Poole worked in Bel-

mont, she educated some of Belmont's finest musical products : Delores Dellinger Poovey, Doris Burns Yarick Cross, Frank West, and innumerable others. Miss Poole also worked within the adult community of Belmont. She and her sister started a Men's Glee Club, one of several such organizations they began, which travelled to competitions and frequently received high marks for their performances.

In the 1940's Miss Virginia Tatum became organist at what was soon to be First Presbyterian Church, Belmont. Miss Tatum had earlier moved to Belmont with her parents from Tallahassee, Florida, so that her younger brothers and sisters could attend Belmont's Catholic schools. While Miss Tatum was organist, Mr. Douglas Smith and his wife, Aristeen, moved to Belmont from Connecticut. Mr. Smith became the choir director of First Presbyterian in the late forties. He also directed the choirs at Sacred Heart College. He and his wife are fondly remembered for their noble and genteel ways. Mr. Smith died of a stroke while in Belmont, and his wife, Aristeen, moved to be with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Armstrong.

A foreshadowing addition to the music outreach of Belmont Presbyterian came in 1942. The church purchased a set of carillonic bells from Schulmerich Electronics, Inc., of Glennside, Pennsylvania. These electronic bells, played from the organ console, were broadcast over the surrounding area through speakers located in the church tower. Many volunteers in the church played these bells for the delight of the local neighborhoods.

Mr. Frank West, son of Frank and Ethel West of Belmont, and an instructor at Davidson College, followed Mr. Douglas Smith as Choir Director. Mr. West had been Band Director at Belmont High School from 1948 through 1950. Later, while working at Davidson College, he came to work at First Presbyterian. While he was associated with First Presbyterian, he organized a youth symphony in Davidson which later became part of the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra. Judge W. A. Mason, a member of West's choir, helped him with this venture and later became a member of the Charlotte Symphony Board of Directors. Mr. West and his wife, Doris, who was also a fine musician, worked for many years at the Transylvania Music Camp at Brevard, NC. Mr. West left Belmont to accept a position in the Music Department at St. Andrews College.

Miss Ruth Elmore contributed her musical talents to the church for

many years. She played for Sunday night services and was always available to substitute on Sunday mornings. In the third church she played the organ in the chapel for prayer services and other special services.

In the early 1950's the church decided to hire a musician to play the organ and to lead the Adult Choir. Mrs. Malloy (Dot) Davis, an accomplished musician who had graduated from Salem College with a degree in music and was also a church member, filled the job. Mrs. Davis, who had served as organist during Mr. West's tenure, led the church into a broader music program including an annual Christmas concert. The foundation laid by Mrs. Davis is exemplified by the space allowed for growth of the music program by the architect of the present church building, Mr. Milton L. Grigg.

In 1966 when the congregation moved from the old sanctuary to the new one, the Austin organ which had been purchased in 1927 for the old building was rebuilt and installed in the new sanctuary. Dr. Richard Peek of Covenant Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, was hired as consultant for renovations and the new installation. Work on the renovations and relocation of the instrument was done by the Austin Company. On Tuesday, August 16, 1966, when all of the work was completed, Dr. Peek played the dedicatory recital in the new church.

Also in 1966, the church's new home had a chapel which was designed with accommodations for a smaller pipe organ. The church purchased a Moller "Artiste" organ for \$6,100. This organ contains three ranks of pipes and is enclosed at the back of the chapel.

When Mrs. Davis retired as organist in 1968, Miss Mary Patton Love came from Charlotte to serve as interim organist. Miss Love was a student of David Lowry, Professor of Organ at Winthrop College. The Search Committee heard from Miss Love that Mr. Lowry was not engaged by a church. The committee set up a meeting with him to discuss the church's situation. Lowry remembers that after the meeting with this committee and especially after talking with Judge Mason that he was ready to accept the position. Lowry said the attractive features of the position were talented people, an enthusiastic vision for good music, and the opportunity to work with Dr. Eugene Witherspoon.

When Lowry began his responsibilities in Belmont, he immediately had the carpet and thickly cushioned theatre seats in the choir loft

removed. This improved the acoustics of the choir loft helping the choir to blend and project, therefore, pleasing the congregation and encouraging the choir. Lowry's tenure continued on just such a progressive note. He and Dr. Witherspoon enjoyed a good relationship bringing to the church the tradition of the Advent wreath and close coordination of the preaching and music with the liturgical year. Because of his association with the Winthrop music students, Lowry also brought in many instrumentalists and vocalists to help lead the worship services and also intensified the children's music program. Junior Choir met on Wednesday afternoons before Adult Choir. Many of the youth trained in this choir were quickly graduated to the Adult Choir where everyone was learning much new and exciting music. He left the position in Belmont to accept larger teaching responsibilities at Winthrop and later earned the Doctorate of Music Degree.

Mr. Tim Smith, a young member of the church, had just completed his studies in organ with Lowry at Winthrop and became the interim organist for the church. During the summer of 1974, Mrs. Theodore (Nell) Stowe, Chairman of the Music Director Search Committee, contacted Mrs. Tina Summey, wife of Rev. Charles B. Summey of First Baptist Church, Gastonia. Mrs. Summey accepted the position and in the fall of 1974 implemented a complete graded-choir program (which operated in tandem with the Sunday School lesson series) and set to work enlisting men for the Adult Choir.

One of Mrs. Summey's greatest achievements during her tenure as Choir Director and Organist was tutoring a group of young businessmen how to read music and inspiring them to years of dedicated service in the Adult Choir. Other of Mrs. Summey's contributions include systematic organization of the music library; the purchase of resonator bells and rhythm instruments; the acquisition of liturgical stoles for the Adult Choir; taking the first children's choir from First Presbyterian to the Montreat Conference on Worship and Music; and using young instrumentalists from the church and community in the morning worship services. Mrs. Summey also initiated the use of handbells in worship. Due to her efforts and the efforts of the music committee including Carol Dixon, George Howe, Emily Smith, and Ted Stowe, handbells were purchased. Money for these bells came from individual contributions to a memorial fund plus a generous gift from Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Stowe, Jr. and Mrs. Tina Summey. Although Mrs.

Summey was a part-time staff member, she developed a full-time program. Mrs. Summey retired in 1982 to move with her husband to Shelby, NC, to enjoy watching their grandchildren grow.

The year 1982 was momentous for the music program at First Presbyterian. The George Howe family gave an antiphonal division to be added to the existing organ as a memorial to Mr. George Howe, who had served as a faithful choir member and church leader. Dr. Richard Peek of Covenant Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, was again hired as consultant. The actual work was carried out by the Austin Organ Company during the course of that year. Changes were also made in the existing instrument: the addition of a three-rank mixture to the swell and the addition of pipes to the present swell trumpet.

Also in 1982 the Session after seeing the increased interest in music and on the recommendation of the music committee decided to hire a full-time musician. Richard Wilson was then called to Belmont in July, 1982. Mr. Wilson came to Belmont with his wife, Beverly, and daughter, Lindsay. He arrived in Belmont to oversee the completion of the antiphonal organ project. When this was finished, he invited Timothy Quay Smith and John Chapell Stowe, sons of the church, to return to play the dedicatory recital. Wilson, Smith, and Stowe were all former students of David Lowry.

In 1984 Mr. Wilson finished a second major project for the music program of First Presbyterian Church. Mrs. William James Pharr gave a forty-eight bell carillon to the church in memory of her late husband, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Stowe. Mr. Wilson and a committee consisting of Theodore Stowe, Malloy Davis, Mrs. J. M. (Catherine Anne) Carstarphen, III, Samuel Howe, Mrs. W. J. (Catherine) Pharr, Daniel Stowe, and the Rev. Leslie Tucker, as ex-officio, travelled throughout the U.S. seeing and hearing carillons to decide what would suit the needs of First Presbyterian. Mr. Willis Bodine, Organist and Carillonneur of the University of Florida and Rev. Tucker's former organist, was hired as a consultant. The church contracted the Eijsbouts Bellfoundry of Asten, the Netherlands, to build the new instrument.

The installation of the carillon was a community event. People came from all over Gaston County, Charlotte, and the nearby area to see these bells go into place. This was the reason for acquiring these bells:

"a token of gratitude to Almighty God and [to] represent Mr. Pharr's rare ability to make all people he touched feel important and useful." Mr. Frank Della Penna, a carillonneur from Schulmerich Carillons, Inc., the American representative for Eijsbouts of Holland, played the dedication recital on Sunday, June 10, 1984. Following the installation and dedication of this instrument, Wilson began to teach carillon lessons to many interested church members. The original group of carillonneurs included Mrs. Ernest (Mary) McFarland, Susan Doty, Mrs. George Q. (Peggy) Hall, Dave Hall, Jr., Mrs. O. J. (Esther) McKnight, Mrs. S. P. (Julia) Stowe, Jr., Mrs. George M. (Marsha) Howe, Jr., Terry Doty and Mrs. S. P. (Martha) Stowe, III. He also began a summer carillon recital series. The summer carillon recital series has hosted Mr. Judson Maynard, Lubbock, Texas; Mr. Peter Shepherd, Loughborough, England; Mr. David Breneman, Luray, Virginia; Dr. Lawrence Boggs, Charlotte, North Carolina; and Mr. Roland Richter, Greenville, South Carolina.

Mr. Wilson's program of music at First Presbyterian offered much to the community. The first evening choir concerts were held so that people from other churches could attend. These concerts included an Advent Vespers series, a Christmas concert, a Spring concert, and co-operative concerts with First Presbyterian Church, Gastonia. With these added performance responsibilities the Adult Choir increased its repertoire to include Faure's REQUIEM, Rutter, Puccini, and Vivaldi's GLORIA, and other choral standards. In 1986 Mr. Wilson left First Presbyterian to accept the position of Director of Music at Forest Hill Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, NC.

Following Mr. Wilson's resignation, a search committee was formed. Mrs. Ernest L. (Mary) McFarland, a member of the church who was already serving as a carillonneur and choir member, was asked to be the interim choir director. Mrs. McFarland accepted and added First Presbyterian's music program to her other responsibilities as a voice teacher and Director of the Gaston Choral Society. Mrs. Julie Jones of Gastonia was later hired as the interim organist.

The committee's search for a Director of Music and Organist was long and painstaking. Many applications were received and reviewed. In June of 1986, a decision was made to call Mr. Ben Outen. Mr. Outen came to Belmont the following August with two charges from

the committee: the continuance of high standards of music and to increase community involvement. Since his arrival in Belmont, Mr. Outen has maintained the graded choir program with an emphasis on music education. With the help of Mrs. W. W. (Fritz) Downing, Mr. Outen has begun a tradition of Children's Christmas Pageants, and each spring he has staged children's musicals complete with sets and costumes. On the recommendation of members of the congregation Outen travelled to Montreat to see an old Scottish worship service called the Kirken o' the Tartan. After he returned, he and the ministers of the church instituted this service on Sunday, November 1, 1987, All Saints Day, as a remembrance of those who have served First Presbyterian and the universal Presbyterian Church faithfully.

To answer the charge from the committee for high quality music, Mr. Outen has increased the Adult Choir's repertoire to include such pieces as Mozart's VESPERAE SOLENNES DE CONFESSORE, Rutter's REQUIEM, Britten's SAINT NICOLAS, Mendelssohn's ELIJAH, plus many new anthems from many musical traditons. While introducing this music to the choir, Mr. Outen also has led Sunday School classes on church music, hymns, and other aspects of music. To increase community involvement, Mr. Outen has begun a concert series which hosts annually the Charlotte Symphony; and since its inception has hosted Samuel Stevenson, Bass-Baritone; the Davidson College Concert Choir; the Carolina Baroque; Patricia Snyder, organist; Dennis Altizer, tenor; John Chapell Stowe, organist; David Perry Ouzts, organist; Stephen Haas, tenor; and the Furman University Chamber Singers. Also during his tenure, acoustical renovations under the direction of Mr. Scott Riedel, Architectural Acoustician, Madison, Wisconsin, were begun; a concert piano for the sanctuary, a gift to the church from the Adult Choir was purchased; copies of the 1990 Presbyterian Hymnal were requisitioned.

In the spring of 1990, the church received the gift of a harpsichord from the S. P. Stowe, Jr. family in honor of Mrs. S. P. Stowe, Jr. (Julia Dickson Stowe). This instrument was built by Mr. Willard Martin of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and is a reproduction of a Saxon double (two keyboard) harpsichord.

Tribute is paid to all those who have shared their talent as choir members through the years; a partial list of these includes:

Craighead Alexander	Mary Elva Hall
Tammy Armstrong	Peggy Hall
Helen Atterberry	R. Davidson Hall
Cecelia Ballew	R. Dave Hall, Jr.
Rick Ballew	Walter Hall, III
Dr. Lee Beatty	Lynn Heldermann
Fred Bumgardner, Jr.	Frankie Hagerty
Georgie Cathey	Glenn Harris
Margaret Cathey	Ruth L. Harris
Summey Cauble	Tad Hixson
Betty Causey	Becca Hodges
Bill Coley	Betty Hood
Marge Conyers	Betty Howe
Clyde Cox	Bill Howe
Lottie Cox	Cheryl V. Howe
Price Cox	David Howe
Sandra Cromlish	George Howe
Agnes Davis	George Howe, Jr.
Catherine Davis	George Howe, III
Jennifer Davis	Henry Howe
Dot Delano	Mary Howe
Lewis Dickson	Sam Howe
Carol Dixon	William Howe
Margaret Dixon	Mary Margaret S. Hunter
Mary Edna Dixon	Suzanne Jager
Mrs. Walter (Carol) Dixon	Bill James
Fritz Downing	Pinckye Jenkins
William Downing	Mary Ruth Lineberger
Susan Doty	Sam Lineberger
Terry Doty	Hugh Lowe
Carolyn Fellers	Mary Poole Lowe
Hilda Fite	Jeri MaGuire
Walter Freeman	Elizabeth W. Mason
Betsy Garland	William A. Mason
Don Grice	Jim Massey
Abbie Hall	Mary McFarland
Ellen Harris	Melanie McFarland
Beatrice Hall	Jane Modisette
Bill Hall	Catherine Norton
Gwen Hall	Barbara Palmer

Forrest Palmer	Samuel Springer
Michael Pate	Sue L. Howe Stell
Josephine Payne	Chappy Stowe
Crawford Poag	Charles Stowe, Jr.
Leonora Poag	Dick Stowe
Delores Poovey	Joseph S. Stowe
Carol Pratt	Julia Stowe
Ilena Pratt	Margaret Stowe
John Pratt	Martha Stowe
Julia Pratt	Nell Stowe
Karen Pratt	Sara Stowe
Mabel Stowe Query	S. P. Stowe, III
Amy Reynolds	Brenda H. Tengel
Marshall Rhyne, Jr.	Linda Thomas
Margaret Rice	Ann Davis Walker
Richard Schoonmaker	Ron Ware
Ginny Simmons	Betty Jane Warren
Donna Simmons	Anne Watkins
Jim Simmons	Narda Wilkinson
Emily Smith	Beverly Wilson
Herman Smith	George Wilson
Sara L. Smith	Jim Wilson
Gail Smith	Lib Wilson
Tim Smith	Lucy Wilson
Robin Dixon Sparrow	Parks Wilson

IV

The History of Christian Education at First Presbyterian Church, Belmont

FROM THE EARLIEST days of the church, Sunday School (or Church School as it was later called) has been a vital part of the local ministry. For twenty-five years the Sunday School was conducted in the first church with its one large room. The classes were grouped within the room where the teachers taught amidst the noise and distractions. Adult classes consisted of the Men's Bible Class taught by Frank P. Hall; the Young Women's Bible Class taught by Mrs. W. B. Puett, and the Women's Bible Class taught by Mrs. F. P. Hall. In 1913, when the second church was built, special attention was given to the needs of the Sunday School. The most modern of building plans, the Akron Plan, was adopted. The Akron Plan consisted of a church building with two large pie-shaped rooms. The larger of the two rooms was the sanctuary. The adjoining room was the Sunday School assembly room, which also had a pulpit area and pews but had alcoves around the outside wall. In this room the entire Sunday School met together for opening exercises and later divided into the small rooms for study. This room also served for prayer meeting and Bible study. The sanctuary and the Sunday School room were divided by a partition wall made up of roll-up doors which could be opened to allow the Sunday School room to become a part of the sanctuary for overflow.

This plan proved satisfactory until 1927 when under the leadership of Superintendent R. D. Hall, the school was departmentalized and graded. With a large increase in enrollment the Akron Plan became obsolete, and a new building became necessary. In 1930 a temporary wood-framed building was built which would be used until 1936 when a modern educational building was erected. This two-story brick building enabled the Sunday School to function as a departmental Sunday School. In 1950 a new Fellowship Building was built to provide an auditorium meeting room as well as additional Sunday School space and a meeting room for the Boy Scouts in the basement.

From the earliest history the Sunday School program of the church flourished and grew. At one time the Men's Bible Class included over one hundred members. In 1940 the Sunday School enrollment was approximately four hundred with forty officers and teachers. At this time the Sunday School was regarded as the most important part of the Sunday services, and many people attended Sunday School and left before the worship service. Since that time the trend has changed with the worship service becoming the main focus of the day with a decline in Church School attendance. Church School membership in 1965 was recorded at 228, with an average attendance of approximately two hundred.

In 1966 the congregation moved into the new building at the corner of Central Avenue and Main Street. Since then the Christian Education Program has provided expanded learning opportunities and nurture for all ages through a variety of curricula, classes, and events. The Christian Education Program has involved a great number of people with a high commitment to passing on and strengthening the Christian faith.

The Church School presents most of the formal education opportunities for the church. The preschool, elementary, youth, and adult divisions provide classes for all ages with teachers on a rotation basis. The Covenant Life curriculum was used from the mid sixties to late seventies, and in 1979 the Shared Approaches curriculum, which was developed by a number of denominations working together, was introduced in the preschool to junior high classes. The Cooperative Uniform Lesson series continued to be the curriculum of the adult classes. After reunion in 1983 the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) developed its own curriculum, *Bible Discovery and Celebrate!*, and the Christian Education Committee adopted this new curriculum in 1988.

Classes have changed over the years. Besides the Men's Bible Class, one of the strongest classes in the past was the Young Adult Class for young men and women up to age 35. This class was changed when it was evident that almost no one recognized the upper age limit. A popular class in the 1980's was the Electives Class led by Emily Smith and Ted Trimble which offered a variety of short-term studies, often with guest teachers. To provide the growing number of adults in their 20's and 30's a class for their concerns, a new Young Adults Class was started. Renamed the "Discovery" class to include anyone who wished

to participate, this class offered wide-ranging, vigorous discussion on a variety of concerns.

In 1937 the church felt the need of a professional educator to help in the administration of the Church School. Mary Katharine Carter was called to the position of Director of Religious Education, renamed in later years Director of Christian Education. Since that time the church has continued to include as a part of the staff a Director of Christian Education or an Associate Minister with responsibilities in Christian Education. In the 1970's the Christian Education Committee felt the need for college-age adults to work with the youth. Students from Davidson College were used for a time with moderate success. In 1973 the intern program was started using a student from Union Theological Seminary. Under the program a student would spend his/her third year of seminary studies as an intern working in our church under the direction of the minister, John Vernon, who served as liaison to the Seminary. The first intern was Daniel Stitt who came in 1973. The program was successful and continued for five more years. While working with the intern program, John Vernon earned his D.Min. degree from Union Seminary. Professionals and interns have been a vital part of the Christian Education program.

In 1982 the Christian Education Committee wished to honor individuals for their work and initiated the "Educator of the Year" award, given on Rally Day of each year. Since that time ten people have been so honored:

1982	Nell Hall Dixon Robert L. Stowe, Jr.
1983	Martha Hall
1984	William A. Dixon, Jr.
1985	Elizabeth Witherspoon Mason
1986	Emily Smith
1987	Melinda Miller Wilson (Mrs. Parks) Dena Leonard Jones (Mrs. Steve)
1988	Gayla Sandel Woody (Mrs. William)
1989	Ted Trimble
1990	Becky Armstrong Suggs (Mrs. Robert)

First Presbyterian Church has always had very active young people's societies. The first societies that we know of were the Covenanters and the Miriams. Evidently the boys and girls were separated. These groups soon came to be known as Christian Endeavor, and this was further divided into the junior and senior age groups. Later the name was changed to Presbyterian Young People, and there was no grouping by age. In the early 1940's the youth program was enlarged to include the youth of the seventh, eighth, and ninth grades. This new organization was called the Pioneer Fellowship. The older group's name was changed to the Senior High Fellowship and included youth from the tenth grade on.

The young people have always participated fully in the work of the local church and in the youth work of the Presbytery. They have worked to help the underprivileged, especially at Christmas. During the years when the church held Sunday night services, they served as the choir. In 1965 the Senior High Fellowship served as counselors in a church-sponsored day camp for underprivileged children, and the Pioneer Fellowship served as counselors in the day camp for the Junior Department of the Sunday School. Perhaps one of the best indications of the young people's interest in the church could be seen in their contribution of \$1,815.60 to the capital funds drive for the third church building. Recognition of their interest and participation came on the Presbytery level when they were awarded the Celtic Cross in 1964. They retained this award in 1965. The youth have continued a tradition of service with recent emphasis on environmental issues.

Youth fellowship has played an important part by offering Junior and Senior highs a time for worship, fellowship, service, and fun. Its activities have reflected both the times and the timelessness of youth concerns. In the mid sixties, the Purple Onion, the church youth center, operated two Fridays a month in the Fellowship Hall for youth get-togethers. Later years would see CROP Walks to fight hunger, drug education programs, career nights, and retreats to the beach and mountains. The youth have also periodically led the 11:00 morning worship service. Depending on the group size, the junior and senior highs would have a common program or one split along school-age lines. In 1990, the junior and senior high students met in separate groups but joined each other for retreats and special activities. Much credit for the success of the youth Fellowship must go to the youth leaders and their ad-

visers who have worked hard to provide a balanced and interesting program worthy of youths' involvement.

A special involvement of the church during the 1980's was with the Nippon Christian Institute (NCI) of Hamamatsu, Japan. NCI brought some 30 Japanese high school students to Belmont each summer to attend English language classes at Sacred Heart College. The NCI leaders, Rihei and Haruyo Suzuki, were Christian and wished to give their group a church home. They chose the First Presbyterian Church. The congregation received them warmly and "adopted" the students for the summer providing special activities for them in church and in their homes. In 1987, NCI invited Randall Boggs (Associate Minister in Christian Education) to Japan to visit students' homes and take part in the orientation program for the students before their departure for Belmont. With the closing of Sacred Heart in 1987, NCI moved to Kansas, but left a rich legacy in Belmont.

Summer vacation Bible Schools have been standard at the church for many years and were usually held in the morning for children. In 1987 the program was changed to "Family Enrichment Week" which initiated light suppers and classes in the evening for adults as well as children.

In 1987 the Christian Education Committee sponsored a year-long study of Central America through a Speakers Forum which brought to the church experts on various aspects of Central American life. The year culminated in a Session-endorsed trip to Costa Rica and Guatemala in June 1988 with Randall Boggs leading the full group. Two of the church's senior highs were among the group's members.

The story of Christian Education is the story of many unnamed committed individuals who have felt the call to teach the faith through the Church School. If the entire list of those involved were to be published, it would fill a volume. Some served continuously over many years in various positions, and some served for only short periods during time of particular need. Each provided a special gift at a particular time, and only God knows all their names. Marcia Hudson Massey constantly reminded her teachers and administrators that the Christian faith is only one generation from extinction. All we need to do to allow the faith to die is to fail to teach one generation. Thank God for those who have been faithful and have committed themselves through the Christian Education Program of our church.

GIRL SCOUTING

Scouting has played an important role in the life of the church. The first troop in Belmont was formed around 1933, and Mrs. J. M. (Laura) Pressly was influential in getting the troop in Belmont. She served on the scouting board for many years. At the beginning meetings were held in homes but many women and girls from First Presbyterian were very active. In 1937 a notable event occurred in this troop when three Girl Scouts were awarded the Golden Eaglet Badge, the highest award in Girl Scouting and the first in Gaston County. These girls were: Myra Stowe (Rose), Nancy Dixon (Brice), and Betty Pressly (Meares). Betty and Nancy were members of the church, and Myra became a member as an adult. The leader of that troop was Miss Sadie Miller who later became Mrs. B. C. Taylor, Jr.

Helen Hall Nims was one of the early leaders, and a Scout Hut was built on her father's, (J. Q. Hall) property next to the present public library. This building was used from around 1939-1945 until it burned. After that time meetings were held at the First Presbyterian Church on Catawba Street and later in the recreation building on Glenway Avenue.

The Girl Scouting program has continued through the years although there has not been the continuity of a single troop. In 1987 Sally Causey received the Golden Award, Girl Scouting's highest award, for her work in literacy tutoring.

BOY SCOUTING

Boy Scouting began with Troop 7, Belmont, sponsored by the church in 1939. The troop number was changed in 1963 to Troop 62, Piedmont Council, but the troop has been in continuous service since 1939. The troop has enjoyed strong leadership in the Scoutmaster role and active support of other adults as troop committee members, merit badge instructors, and special project leaders.

A number of church members has been active in Piedmont Council as Adult Scouters. Four members have been honored by Piedmont Council with the Silver Beaver Award for "distinguished service to boyhood." These are: J. Crawford Poag, 1958; S. Pinckney Stowe,

Jr., 1963; W. A. Dixon, Jr., 1966; and Betty C. Elder (Mrs. Billy), 1972.

Scouting has involved many individuals throughout the years and has played a significant role in the life of the church. Following is a list of Scoutmasters who have served since 1939 to the present, as well as a list of boys within the church who have received the Eagle Award.

SCOUTMASTERS

1939-1940	W. M. Currie
1941	T. J. Abernathy
1942	W. M. Currie
1943	S. P. Stowe, Jr.
1944-1945	Paul H. Neal
1946	Charles W. Fite, Jr.
1947	Paul T. Meares
1948-1952	W. M. Hall, Jr.
1953-1961	William A. Dixon, Jr.
1962-1963	Charles Hagerty
1964-1966	Robert L. Dick
1967-1968	R. Alfred Brand, Jr.
1969-1971	R. Davidson Hall, Jr.
1972-1979	Herman R. Decker
1980-1981	Tom M. Moore
1982-1984	Joseph S. Stowe
1984-1985	J. Michael Collins
1985-1987	Richard S. Cromlish, Jr.
1988-1990	William W. Downing, IV

EAGLE SCOUTS

Troop 62

Church Members

YEAR	SCOUT
1934	W. Henry Ford*
1935	Alexander Stowe*
1938	James Samuel Hagerty*
	Charles H. Sloan*
1941	Walter M. Hall, Jr.
1945	Neely F. Dixon, Jr.
1946	Charles Hall
	George Q. Hall
1949	Charles T. Stowe, Jr.
	John David Stewart
	Joseph Kirkland Hall, III
1953	Sam McKnight
1959	Jim Poag, Jr.
1966	Thomas D. Mann
1967	C. David Cox
	Charles W. Fite, III
	H. Dabney Smith
1969	Robert L. Dick, Jr.
1974	Robert D. Decker
	James Dick
1976	Harold H. Fite
	Theodore D. Stowe, Jr.
	James J. Vernon
1978	Charles B. Decker
	Charles T. Stowe, III
1982	Boyd W. Coggins, Jr.
	Thomas Clark Moore
1984	M. Matthews Hall
	J. Scott Stowe
1985	R. Stanton Cromlish, III
	George M. Howe, III
1987	M. Travis Cromlish

* Received Eagle from Troop 1

V

The History of Women's Work at First Presbyterian Church, Belmont

THE LADIES' AID SOCIETY of the Belmont Presbyterian Church was organized the third Sunday of November, 1890, by the Rev. Wm. E. McIlwaine, with the following constitution:

"We, the ladies of the Belmont Presbyterian Aid Society, promise to give monthly the amount opposite our names to help furnish the church, such as getting a pulpit set, lamps, carpets, etc."

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. G. W. Hanks; Vice-President, Miss Minnie Stowe; Secretary, Mrs. Annie E. Hall; Treasurer, Mrs. Mellon. The following were members: Mrs. M. A. Stowe, Mrs. B. H. Leecrafe, Miss S. A. Hanks (Mrs. John Tate), Miss Mary Rumfelt (Mrs. Jim Bingham), Mrs. N. R. Rumfelt, Mrs. J. C. Sanders, Mrs. M. E. Fite, Miss S. J. McKee, Mrs. A. A. Cathey, Mrs. J. D. Hall, Miss Janie Sanders, Miss Minnie Stowe (Mrs. W. B. Puett), Miss Ida Stowe (Mrs. Boyd), Mrs. N. A. Mellon (Mrs. Locke), Mrs. Mary Ewing, Mrs. M. P. Neagle, Mrs. L. A. Hanks, Miss Ellen Beaty, Mrs. Anne E. Hall (Mrs. M. N. Hall), Mrs. Fanny Stowe (Mrs. Abram Stowe), Miss Minnie Thompson (Mrs. F. P. Hall), Mrs. Julia Davis (Mrs. W. W. Davis), Miss Nellie Denny (now Mrs. J. Q. Hall), Mrs. C. L. Lineberger, Mrs. F. S. Smith.

The records show that the pulpit set, the communion table, the lamps, hymn books and a carpet were purchased by the society. At several times gifts of five and ten dollars, and quite a number of boxes were sent to the Barium Springs Orphange. There is a record of thirteen dollars and ninety-five cents being sent to Foreign Missions in May. A wheel chair was bought for an invalid member of the Church.

The monthly meetings for the first four years were on Sundays after the morning services, and the records show a great deal of interest, especially in money matters. The names of those paying dues were often included in the minutes, and there was general rejoicing when

some paid more than their dues or the pastor donated twenty-five cents.

From 1894 to 1906 the only records available are of dues paid and the yearly roll, which showed a gradual falling off in membership.

In 1910 the Ladies' Aid Society was reorganized by Rev. R. C. Deal, with Mrs. W. B. Puett as president and Miss Sue Stowe, treasurer. The revived society did a great deal toward furnishing the manse, which was being built at this time, installing a private water system, since the town did not then have one. This included the purchase of a range and bathroom fixtures. Not being satisfied with the drop lights decided upon by the Building Committee, they bought the electric fixtures for the manse. Nor did these good ladies devote all their energies to the manse. A bookcase and fifty dollars worth of books were bought for the Sunday School. Likewise, an Estey organ was bought, and this was used until the present pipe organ was installed. Later when the second church was built, the entire floor was carpeted by the Ladies' Aid Society. The money for this was raised by bazaars, ice-cream suppers, oyster suppers, and the sale of fancy work, cakes, knitting, crocheting, and the like.

About a year after the reorganization of the Ladies' Aid Society, Rev. W. A. Lacy, the pastor at that time, assisted in the organization of a Missionary Society in order that the women might study and support Home and Foreign Missions instead of devoting all their time and efforts to supporting the local work. At monthly meetings the women alternated Home and Foreign Mission programs. About this time they began contributing one hundred dollars yearly to missions, this being divided equally between home and foreign work. They were also liberal supporters of the Orphanage (Barium Springs) work. The policy of the Missionary Society was to raise money for benevolent causes by private subscription rather than by sales, etc.

The members of the Missionary and Ladies' Aid societies were practically identical during this time, and as it was trying to many of the members to belong to two separate organizations with separate meetings, a movement was started to merge the two societies and let one organization do the work done by the two. The General Assembly had been advocating the Auxiliary plan for several years, and in March, 1916, the Ladies' Aid and the Woman's Missionary Society were merged into the Auxiliary, with a constitution practically identical with the one sent out by the Auxiliary headquarters.

Mrs. S. P. Stowe was the first president of the new Auxiliary. Under her leadership in the spring of 1917 the women entertained the Presbyterial.

Notable among local missionary work was the buying of a wheel chair for an invalid member of the church. They also sent her meals for a while, each member performing this service for a week. The Auxiliary continued the fifty dollars yearly contributions to Home and Foreign Missions. Miss Watkins, a missionary, spoke while she was on furlough and since then the women began contributing fifty dollars annually to the Shanghai American Bible School, where she worked. Other missionaries that visited were Mrs. Motte Martin, Miss Bertha Abernathy, and Mrs. Mary Martin Sloop. Boxes of old clothes were sent to Mrs. Sloop once or twice a year for a number of years. The women were liberal supporters of Barium Springs Orphanage, always being among the first to raise their apportionment. They also gave to ministerial relief, the Church of the Pilgrims, and other causes of the Church when called upon to do so.

The programs sent out by the Auxiliary headquarters were used in monthly meetings. For a number of years they had Home and Foreign Mission Study Classes. It was gratifying to note the increase in self-denial offerings. For the year 1920-21 they amounted to fifty-two dollars, while the year following the offering was one hundred and twenty-six dollars.

On January 5, 1924, the circle plan was adopted. Three circles met monthly. A Business Women's Circle was added in 1931. In 1940, a new circle was organized called the Training Circle, making five active circles meeting monthly and carrying out the regular monthly programs as sent out by the committee.

In 1930 the women entertained the North Carolina Synodical; in 1937, the Presbyterial; and the Presbyterial, again in April, 1941.

Through the years the women worked hand in hand with the Executive Committee's programs and plans. They had Foreign Mission and Home Mission seasons, prayer bands, and Church paper readers. The women used prayer calendars, had family altars, and were tithers. They helped in the White Cross work and with Barium Springs Orphan's Home. They furnished the kitchen in the new Sunday School Building and served monthly suppers to the Men's Club of the Church.

The women took part in all local efforts to promote the Kingdom of

God. Among some of these were the inauguration of the World Day of Prayer with the Methodist Auxiliary. Ursula Reid was the first delegate sent by the women to the Christian Conference for Negro Women at A&T College in Winston-Salem.

During the first fifty years the women tried to make the organization what the name meant, an auxiliary to the Church, and in that pursuit aided in all forms of effort that tended toward the advancement of the Kingdom of Christ at home and abroad.

The next twenty-five years of the work as the Woman's Auxiliary from 1940 to 1965 brought a number of changes. The women continued to meet as Circles and to have a general meeting each month, even during the summer months. For a number of years the general meeting was held on the third Monday afternoon, but, soon, in order to include more teachers and working ladies, this meeting was moved to night.

The Birthday meeting in May each year was always a special occasion with the offering going one year to a home mission cause and the next year to foreign missions, the cause being selected by a special committee under the direction of the Board of Women's Work. Jams and jellies were collected each fall for Barium Springs Home and for the Presbyterian Home in High Point. The mission season of the Church was observed with special mission prayer meetings held in the homes of members during a certain week in February or March. Always there was a Mission Study book circulated by the women through the various Circles. Each Circle was assigned housekeeping duties on a rotating basis as a service to the Church; these included supplying flowers for the Sanctuary and for ushers on Sunday morning, serving suppers for the very active Men's Fellowship Club each month, and performing various other kitchen duties.

In 1948 Women's Work underwent a complete reorganization when, under the direction of the General Assembly, the Women's Auxiliary became the Women of the Church (W. O. C.) and committees were renamed as the Committees of Spiritual Growth, Church Extension, World Missions, Annuities and Relief, Christian Education, Stewardship, General Fund Agencies, and Inter-Group Work. The women also had a Girl Scout Committee responsible for securing leaders for several Girl Scout troops sponsored by the Church. All of these committees received information from the Board of Women's Work in

Atlanta. Women continued to remember Barium and High Point, to send clothes to Church World Service, to dress dolls for the B. C. O., and to roll bandages and make baby clothes for White Cross.

With around 200 women on the Church Roll the organization was very active with only about twenty who were not really active in a Circle. Each year the inactivity of these few was a matter for prayer and serious consideration as the Circle leaders met to draw members for each group for the coming year.

The W. O. C. continued to send a delegate to the Christian Conference for Negro Women held each June at A. & T. College in Winston-Salem, and the delegate was always a guest at the next meeting of the W. O. C. where she shared her experience.

The Women were encouraged to attend Synodical Training School which rotated during those years at Peace College, Davidson College, and Queens College before it was later moved to Montreat which also hosted the General Assembly Women's Conference. There were District meetings and the annual meeting of Presbyterial, and in the early sixties the local officers began meeting together once a month as an Executive Board.

In 1960 the church's first manse bride, Mary Mac Witherspoon, was entertained by the women at a lovely tea in the Fellowship Hall, and many hours and much effort was spent as the Church was prepared for her wedding.

Soon there was more reorganization as all committees were consolidated into four—the women tried to learn to speak of the Committees of Personal Faith and Family Life, Christian Community Action, Ecumenical Missions and Relations, and Leadership and Resources (which included the Nominating Committee). All of the Committees continued to receive information from Atlanta. The synodical Training School continued but soon became known as the North Carolina Presbyterian Women's Conference which was held in Montreat in June, and the General Assembly Women's Conference moved from July to August.

When the church moved into its new building in July, 1966, the Women of the Church was composed of nine Circles: two morning, three afternoon, and four evening groups, always meeting on the first Monday (unless a holiday interfered) as Monday was designated as "Church Day" by older members of the group. Each woman on the

Church roll was a member of the Women of the Church, and names were drawn each year to redistribute the members among the various Circles. Careful consideration was given so that each Circle list included some who would lead a Bible study, some who would hostess the group, and some who were willing to help with kitchen duties, bandage rolling, and other housekeeping tasks. General meetings of all the Circles were held monthly on the third Monday night for business and programs planned by the program council.

Following the wishes of Dr. Witherspoon to have seasonal decorations in the tremendous new Sanctuary, the Women planned appropriate ones which have become traditions. A large cornucopia of fruits, vegetables, berries, and nuts on a linen-covered table in the front of the Sanctuary provided a Harvest Table in the fall months. Soon this table was elevated to the center of the wall behind the Elders' bench, and chrysanthemums began to be placed in the Narthex.

Also, in 1967, a group of women began to learn about making Chrismons which would decorate a large cedar tree placed annually by men of the Church in the front of the Sanctuary. The first tree was seventeen feet tall, reached to the stained glass windows, and was covered with 350 tiny white lights and almost 200 Christian symbols of the Church. These symbols were created from white styrofoam, pearls, and gold beads by women working each Wednesday during the fall months in the new Service and Fellowship Room.

This room provided the Women with an opportunity of outreach to other women in the community as they worked together on quilts, pillows, and baby clothes for the Belmont Community Organization, Barium Springs Home, and Grandfather Home. Women dressed dolls for the BCO and collected linens for them to distribute. Clothes were also collected for Church World Service. Dozens of cookies were baked by the women and packed by a newly formed Service Circle to send to college students during exams. The Women hosted Open House for local high school students during exams, serving lunch and providing a place for them to relax and recuperate.

To share the new facilities with other Presbyterian Churches in the Presbytery, the Church soon hosted the meeting of Presbytery, and the Women invited Presbyterial to hold its annual meeting at the church. Several times the Women have entertained these two groups as well as the Fall Learning Event held by the Women in September.

When Dr. Witherspoon retired in 1969, the Women under the direction of the Session were responsible for a final reception and transformed the Fellowship Hall into a beautiful garden-like room where the Elders and their wives received guests. Similar beautiful occasions were held to welcome the Vernons and to bid them farewell, to greet the Tuckers, and to celebrate the ninetieth birthday of the Church.

In 1969, under the direction of choir director, David Lowry, an Advent Wreath was added in the front of the Sanctuary to aid the observance of that season of the Christian Year. Soon the Women created needlepoint badges to be worn by the ushers to replace the live flowers the Women had provided in previous years. As the Presbyterian Church began more and more to observe the seasons of the Christian Year in worship services, the Women designed and created paraments and banners under the leadership of the Service and Fellowship group so that the colors of the season could be changed to follow the liturgical calendar of the Church.

Easter lilies, purchased by the Women of the Church, began to be placed in the front of the Sanctuary for Easter morning service. In 1971 Church members added to the beauty of the service by providing additional memorial lilies in the Narthex. A tradition began of decorating a bare cross created from an old Chrismon tree with ivy and seven live lily blossoms. This endeavor was one of the duties of the Service Circle of the WOC along with planting the Church flower beds, polishing the silver, and cleaning closets.

The year 1971 also saw the beginning of a Young At Heart Group, organized for persons over fifty years of age from the entire community. This active organization devoted itself to taking daylong trips and meeting for lunch and fellowship.

With the organization of the Presbytery of Concord, which was a combination of Kings Mountain, Concord, and Winston-Salem Presbyteries, a new form of outreach became a big part of Women's work. A room was designed as a collection spot for clothes, toys, and household items collected from churches around the area for the second-hand store at Glade Valley School, a Presbyterian boarding high school near Sparta.

The feasibility of using the Church as a center for the Meals-On-Wheels program in the area was discussed and investigated for a number of years. During the 1970's, the Service Circle chauffeured

people in the community to the Congregate Meals at the First Baptist Church, and soon members also began delivering the Meals-On-Wheels from other centers in the area.

Advent Saturday, the first Saturday in December, grew to become a big day in the life of the Church family. Planned by the Women's Council, the kitchen committee began by serving breakfast early in the morning for the 15 or 20 men who selected and cut the large cedar tree for the Sanctuary. This tree was always at least 18 feet tall and once towered 33 feet in height. They also cut a smaller tree for the children to decorate for the Fellowship Hall. Each Circle helped place lights and Chrismons on the tree, assemble the Advent Wreath, trim small trees with Chrismons and cross-stitch symbols, and arrange a nativity scene in the Narthex. Live holly wreaths were made for the Church doors, and a very special large one was made for the Fellowship Hall. Children came to make decorations and place them on the tree in the Fellowship Hall and to decorate a tree outside for the birds. The kitchen committee prepared a lunch for all to enjoy. By day's end, the entire Church would be adorned for the Christmas season.

A Joy Gift luncheon under the direction of the Women was an annual event held the last Sunday before Christmas Day with good food, carol singing, and Santa for the little folks.

For several years a SERRV sale was held by the Women to sell handicrafts created by Third World persons; all of the proceeds were returned to these needy artisans. Mission projects of the Women included rolling bandages, making sacques and blankets for White Cross Hospital, and the Fellowship of the Least Coin received each month at Circle meetings and dedicated at the annual meeting.

In the eighties, Lenten lunches of soup, sandwiches, and home-made cakes made and served by the Women attracted people from the entire community to the Church on the six Fridays before Easter for fellowship and interesting speakers.

The Birthday of Women's Work continued to be observed each spring, usually in May, with a special program emphasizing the needs of designated projects in both home and foreign mission fields. A special offering was made to this work from each Church in the General Assembly, and our women have always been generous in their support.

During the transition period following the reunion of the Presbyterian Church, women's work was reorganized to follow new guide-

lines. The Women struggled with new names for every part of the organization. The Women became known as "Presbyterian Women" with a co-ordinating team led by a Moderator helped by Facilitators and Circle Representatives. Meetings were called Gatherings. Women were not automatically assigned to a Circle as before, and this as well as other factors caused change in the organization. As more women worked outside the home, served on various Church committees, and were elected as Deacons and Elders, women had less free time. The organization of Presbyterian Women continued to adapt and endure with the times and looked to the future with hope and commitment as the church celebrated its centennial.

VI

Personal Recollections of First Presbyterian Church of Belmont

I. E. Howe

MY EARLIEST recollection of the Presbyterian Church in Belmont goes back to 1908 when my family moved their residence to North Main street. The church was just a half-block away at the corner of Main and Catawba streets. It faced on North Main. It was a wooden building painted white. Steps led to a small porch at the front. At each side of the porch there were small storage rooms, topped by towers that rose a little above the roof of the building. Inside there was one large room approximately thirty-five feet by seventy-five feet. The pulpit was in the rear on a slightly raised platform. To the preacher's right there was room for the chair and organ; to his left there were benches for the church officers. There was a single aisle down the center with benches on each side. A wood-burning stove stood inside the front door with a pipe extending almost the entire length of the room and exiting through the ceiling. I attended Sunday School first in this room, down front on the left side. Mrs. Quin Hall was the teacher, and there were five pupils. A few rows back were older pupils, and so on. The men met on the other side in the corner. The women met on the same side near the front of the room.

The first pastor of the church was the Rev. R. A. Miller, who also served the New Hope and Lowell churches. He had a horse named John Calvin. When he preached in Belmont, he would drive from his home in Lowell and hitch his horse to a certain tree off North Main street. Well, it so happened that this same tree was on the lot on which our family decided to build a new home. But this didn't bother Mr. Miller. After we moved into the house, he continued to hitch his horse to a little red oak tree at the corner of our front porch. It didn't bother us either. (This red oak was blown down by Hurricane Hugo which

struck Belmont in September 1989.) Mr. Miller finally moved on in 1909 and we were without a pastor for a while. Mr. R. C. Deal was called in 1910, but he served only a short time and resigned. If he had a family, I do not remember them. While he was here, the church decided to build a manse at South Main and Central Avenue, where our present church is located. Some time after the manse was built, it was decided that a retainer wall was needed at the front to keep dirt from washing into the street. At that time, we had a Covenanters Society for small boys, and we gathered rocks from back of Mr. F. P. Hall's house to go into the wall.

By 1910 Belmont had grown from a farming community to a small town. We had three cotton mills, a bank, and a number of small stores which sprang up to serve the increasing population. This was the year I started to school in a three-room building which was beginning to overflow with students. I am sure our church membership had increased also. Evidently, our church officers decided it was time for us to have a new church. In 1911 they issued a call to the Rev. W. S. Lacy to become pastor of our church at an annual salary of twelve hundred dollars and a manse. Mr. Lacy evidently thought we needed a new church also because he went right to work. He was a man of great energy and vision. Before the year ended a building committee had been appointed and work was soon under way. I remember how Mr. Joe Gaston, Mr. Quin Hall, and Mr. Haywood Johnston brought their wagon teams to the site on Catawba street and started grading the foundation. They moved dirt from the new church site to a lot on North Main street where Mr. R. L. Stowe would later build his home. It was a great thrill for me to ride on the dirt wagons. Before 1913 ended we had a new brick church that would serve our needs for more than fifty years. Mr. Lacy stayed with us until 1915. He and his family were greatly missed after they were gone.

Early in 1916 the Rev. J. T. Dendy came to our church from the Ebenezer Presbyterian Church near Rock Hill, S. C. This was the year of the great flood when all bridges on the Catawba and South Fork rivers were washed away. Business was booming in Gaston County. World War I was raging in Europe, and there was a great demand for all the goods produced by the cotton mills. People were becoming more prosperous. This expansion was to continue for almost

all of the twelve years Mr. Dendy was with us. However, it was marred for a while when our young men started going overseas to join in the battle "To Make The World Safe For Democracy." During this time Mr. Dendy rendered a great service to our community in trying to console families who had sons and brothers serving in the army. Mr. Dendy also saw a big increase in the membership of our church and in its benevolent giving. He was highly respected by everyone in our town.

In 1928 President Coolidge did not choose to run for re-election, so Herbert Hoover was nominated by the Republican party and defeated Mr. Al Smith of New York. About this same time, the Rev. William M. Currie of Jacksonville, N. C., chose to accept a call from the Belmont Presbyterian Church. Some of the young men in our congregation remembered Mr. Currie when he was a student at Davidson College and thought he would make a good pastor for our church. He had graduated from Union Theological Seminary and had had several years experience as pastor in Eastern North Carolina. No one knew at that time that our country would soon be in a serious business recession, and that in another ten years World War II would be in progress in Europe. Soon after coming to Belmont, Mr. Currie found the cotton mills on curtailed schedules and many people out of work. He did a lot of visiting and established an out-post Sunday School in East Belmont, which later became the nucleus for East Belmont Presbyterian Church. There was also much new interest generated in our Sunday School. The General Assembly had recommended the departmentalization of all Sunday Schools. In carrying out this recommendation, it was necessary to build a wooden annex at the rear of the church to take care of all the classes. This temporary structure served its purpose until 1936 when a new two story, brick education building was erected. In 1937 a Director of Religious Education was employed for the first time, and in 1946 the church started a week-day kindergarten. Mr. F. P. Hall had been the very capable teacher of the Men's Bible Class for a long time. When he retired, Mr. Currie became the teacher, and the membership of the class increased to over one hundred. During Mr. Currie's pastorate, the membership of the church increased about seventy percent, and the annual giving increased by more than four hundred percent. In the spring of 1948,

Mr. Currie resigned to accept a call to the First Presbyterian Church of Greensboro, N. C.

The Reverend J. Walter Dickson must have been about thirty-five years of age when he came to our church in the fall of 1948. He had served as pastor of Shelby Presbyterian Church, as chaplain in the army and, after discharge, as pastor of Fairmont Presbyterian Church in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. He was a good mixer and made many friends in Belmont in a short while. Our church was in the process of helping the East Belmont Church get started, and he saw this completed. Also, he saw the number of children in our church on the increase and helped expand the week-day school. He found one of the most pressing needs to be an all-purpose building, and soon a recreation building was completed. It provided office space for the minister and his secretary, a large assembly room, and much needed space for the week-day school. For a long time, the congregation had talked about a new sanctuary, but the time was not yet right, and they continued to appoint committees and to talk. In August of 1954, Mr. Dickson resigned to accept a pastorate in Houston, Texas.

On a Saturday afternoon in the fall of 1954, Mr. S. P. Stowe, Jr. and I started out for Morehead City, N. C., to hear the Rev. W. Priestly Conyers, III, preach on the following day. He preached on "The Brotherliness of Jesus." We spoke with Mr. Conyers after the service and then headed back for Belmont. Our report to other members of the pulpit committee was favorable, and two weeks later they all went to hear Mr. Conyers. They were favorably impressed also and recommended to the congregation that they extend a call to Mr. Conyers. He came to our church around Christmas time and began what was to be a very busy ministry for two and one-half years. The congregation had given up the idea of building a new church but decided instead to renovate the present sanctuary. The committee did an excellent job and by the middle of the summer, we were worshipping in a beautifully decorated sanctuary. Mr. Conyers was a strong preacher and also liked to teach the Bible. Many of the underlinings and margin notes in my Bible today are attributable to him. Our week-day school was flourishing at that time and he gave great support to it. The consolidation of several Presbyterian colleges in North Carolina to establish St. Andrews College was underway during his ministry, and he worked dili-

gently to help bring that about. He was noted for long meetings of the session and the diaconate. He tried to put in the rotation system for church officers. He was only partially successful, but made it easier of accomplishment in later years. Mr. Conyers resigned in the spring of 1957 to accept work at Union Seminary.

In December of 1957, the Pulpit Nominating Committee recommended to the congregation that they extend a call to the Rev. Dr. Eugene Witherspoon, who was then pastor of the Saint Andrews-Covenant Church in Wilmington, N. C. Dr. Witherspoon accepted the call and came to our church early in 1958. As evidenced by his Doctor of Theology degree, he was a Bible scholar. Also, he was a strong administrator and set about organizing the sessional committees so that the whole congregation became more actively involved in the work of the church. One side effect of this was an increase in giving of material possessions. It became easier to raise the budget. The Planning and Study Committee for a new church finally reported that a suitable site was available at the corner of South Main and Central Avenue, at a cost of \$90,000. In March of 1961, their report was approved and thirty days later a Planning and Building Committee was elected. About one year later, an architect was approved and the congregation set out to raise \$500,000. Later this was increased to about \$900,000. Work on the new church was begun in the spring of 1965 and was completed in the summer of 1966. We moved in for our first worship service on July 31, 1966. Dr. Witherspoon remained with us until 1969 when he retired and moved to Charlotte.

As Dr. Witherspoon had served us in the 1960s, Dr. John Vernon was to serve us in the 1970s. Most of the members of our congregation remember Dr. Vernon as a good preacher and a conscientious pastor. He was also a good administrator. He organized the session and carried out the program of the church to the minutest detail. He was a big aid to Union Seminary in their student-intern program. Year after year he had seminary students under his care. He also continued studying while in Belmont. We remember that he took a course at Wake Forest University, studied in Scotland, and earned a Doctor of Ministry degree from Union Seminary in Virginia. In 1977 he resigned to accept a call to First Presbyterian Church, Staunton, Virginia. Staunton's gain was Belmont's loss.

When it became known that the Rev. Leslie C. Tucker had received a call from our church, one of our former ministers asked a friend in Florida if Mr. Tucker was a good preacher. His reply was "Oh yes, he can charm the birds right out of the trees." Our former minister replied, "Well, I know there are some 'birds' in the Belmont church, but as far as I know none of them lives in trees." Mr. Tucker is making history in our church. It will be recorded after he has retired.

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APPENDIX B

MINISTERS SERVING FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Reverend R. A. Miller	1891-1909
The Reverend R. C. Deal	1910-1911
The Reverend W. S. Lacy, D.D.	1911-1915
The Reverend J. T. Dendy, D.D.	1916-1927
The Reverend W. M. Currie	1928-1948
The Reverend J. Walter Dickson, Jr., D.D.	1948-1954
The Reverend W. Priestly Conyers, III	1955-1957
The Reverend E. D. Witherspoon, Th.D.	1958-1969
The Reverend J. H. J. Vernon, D.Min.	1970-1979
The Reverend Leslie C. Tucker, Jr.	1980-

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Forrest C. Palmer
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A P P E N D I X D
STUDENT INTERNS

Dan Stitt	1973-1974
Walter King	1974-1975
Bill Lindeman	1975-1976
Fred Coats	1976-1977
Rob Fulton	1977-1978
Carol Gailey	1978-1979

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Ann Stowe Anderson, Director of Christian Education, Presbyterian Church

Claire Vonk Brooks, Minister, Presbyterian Church

Gary Brooks, Minister, Presbyterian Church

John Andrew Gullick, Jr., Minister, Presbyterian Church

Sydnor Jane Patrick, Director of Christian Education,
Presbyterian Church

William Neal Pharr, Priest, Roman Catholic Church

John David Stewart, Minister, Presbyterian Church

A P P E N D I X F

OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH
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(Terms Served)

(Rotary System for Elders Adopted January 1, 1961.)

Abram Stowe, 11-16-90—7-1-97	Graham G. Dixon, 12-12-43—10-4-68
Matthews N. Hall, 11-16-90—1-21-06	(Life)
A. A. Cathey, 11-16-90—7-23-34	Grover Stewart, 12-12-43—4-26-69
W. W. Davis, 11-16-90— ?	(Life)
C. H. Lineberger, ?	I. E. Howe, 12-12-43—1963
J. Q. Hall, ?	(Elder Emeritus)
J. J. Lewis, 6-30-12— ?	1-1-65—12-31-70
S. P. Stowe, Sr., 6-30-12—4-28-56	1-1-73—12-31-78
George H. West, 4-8-17—3-10-19	W. A. Dixon, Sr., 11-12-50—1-21-74
D. H. Cox, 11-11-17—9-16-27	(Life)
W. F. Lewis, 1-22-19—2-28-53	W. T. Hall, Sr., 11-12-50—2-13-63
J. D. Tucker, 1-22-19—3-4-60	(Life)
W. R. Stowe, 1-22-19—1966	W. Neal Pharr, 11-12-50—7-30-82
(Life)	(Life)
C. P. Lineberger, 2-29-20—1-7-65	L. L. Parker, 11-12-50—1-1-55
(Life)	Eldred Lewis, 1-1-56—12-31-64
J. M. Pressley, 6-11-33—1-31-49	(Elder Emeritus)
Wayne Fite, 6-11-33—2-5-65	1-1-67—12-31-72
J. C. Mason, 6-11-33—9-11-41	1-1-77—12-31-81
J. C. Sanders, 12-11-38—12-25-45	Willis Smith, 1-1-56—12-31-64
J. Linwood Robinson,	1-1-65—12-31-70
12-11-38—9-29-57	1-1-73—12-31-78
Paul H. Neal, 2-23-41—9-28-52	Dalton Mann, 1-1-61—12-31-66
R. C. Dixon, 2-23-41—4-10-86	Marshall H. Rhyne, Sr.,
(Life)	1-1-61—12-31-66
M. R. Patrick, 12-12-43—1963	
1-1-65—12-31-70	

- I-I-69—12-31-74
I-I-77—2-26-81
William C. Ratchford, I-I-61—1965
- J. Bart Hall, I-I-63—12-31-68
I-I-71—12-31-76
S. P. Stowe, Jr., I-I-63—12-31-68
I-I-75—12-31-80
I-I-85—12-31-87
George C. Wilson, I-I-63—12-31-68
- J. Raymond Stewart, I-I-65—12-31-70
(Elder Emeritus)
I-I-75—12-31-80
- Mrs. N. F. Dixon (Faye)
I-I-66—12-31-67
(Elder Emerita)
- Eugene A. Maier, I-I-66—12-31-67
I-I-69—12-31-74
I-I-77—12-31-81
- R. L. Stowe, Jr., I-I-66—12-31-69
I-I-73—12-31-74
- W. A. Dixon, Jr., I-I-67—12-31-72
I-I-75—12-31-80
I-I-82—12-31-83
I-I-85—12-31-87
- Herman D. Smith, Jr., I-I-69—8-12-73
Tom Moore, I-I-69—12-31-74
I-I-77—12-31-81
I-I-83—10-20-85
- Robert L. Dick, I-I-71—12-31-76
George N. Dixon, I-I-71—12-31-72
George Q. Hall, I-I-71—12-31-76
I-I-79—12-31-82
I-I-84—12-31-86
I-I-90—12-31-92
E. Spratt Hanks, I-I-71—12-31-76
(Elder Emeritus)
- Leslie T. West, I-I-71—12-31-76
(Elder Emeritus)
I-I-79—12-31-82
- Clyde Cox, I-I-73—12-31-78
I-I-88—12-31-90
Charles C. Hagerty, I-I-73—12-31-78
Harold A. Lewis, I-I-73—12-31-78
- Frank D. Watkins, Jr.
I-I-75—12-31-80
I-I-82—12-31-84
I-I-86—12-31-88
- Matthews N. Hall, I-I-77—12-31-81
(Elder Emeritus)
I-I-83—12-31-85
- William A. Coley, I-I-79—12-31-82
I-I-84—12-15-85
- Mrs. George M. Howe
(Sue Howe Stell)
I-I-79—12-31-82
- Mrs. Sue Howe Stell, I-I-84—12-31-86
I-I-88—12-31-90
- Ernest White, I-I-79—12-31-82
(Elder Emeritus)
- B. Wayne Coggins, I-I-81—12-31-83
I-I-85—12-31-87
I-I-89—12-31-91
- Neely F. Dixon, Jr., I-I-81—12-31-83
Henry T. Howe, I-I-81—12-31-83
I-I-87—12-31-89
- Mrs. Celeste Mason, I-I-81—12-31-83
(Elder Emerita)
I-I-86—12-31-88
- Dr. Ed McGee, I-I-81—4-10-82
- Samuel L. Howe, I-I-82—12-31-84
I-I-87—12-31-89
- Miss Elizabeth Mason
I-I-82—12-31-84
I-I-89—12-31-91
- George R. McClellan, Jr.
I-I-82—12-31-84
- Charles T. Stowe, Jr., I-I-82—12-31-84
I-I-86—12-31-88

Appendices

- Ronald Barnes, 1-1-83—12-31-85
1-1-89—12-31-91
- J. M. Carstarphen, III
1-1-83—12-31-85
- Clyde Horne, 1-1-83—12-31-85
(Elder Emeritus)
- Malloy Davis, Jr., 1-1-84—12-31-86
- Joseph S. Stowe, 1-1-84—12-31-86
- Bill Elder, Sr., 1-1-85—12-31-87
- Ronald Ware, 1-1-85—12-31-87
- Hugh Causey, 1-1-86—12-31-88
- Thomas M. Hunter, Jr.
1-1-86—12-31-86
- Josephene Payne, 1-1-86—12-31-88
- Herman R. Decker, 1-1-87—12-31-89
- Mary Margaret S. Hunter
1-1-87—12-31-89
- Theodore A. Trimble, 1-1-87—12-31-89
- Catherine Ann P. Carstarphen
1-1-88—12-31-90
- David R. Lytle, 1-1-88—12-31-90
- Parks H. Wilson, Jr., 1-1-88—12-31-90
- R. Davidson Hall, Jr., 1-1-89—12-31-91
- Joseph E. Maier, 1-1-89—12-31-91
- Mrs. Betty Causey, 1-1-90—12-31-92
David Apgar Rinehart
1-1-90—12-31-92
- Mrs. Nell Stowe, 1-1-90—12-31-92
Robert Lee Stowe, III
1-1-90—12-31-92

APPENDIX G

CLERKS OF THE SESSION*

W. W. Davis	Dates not available
S. P. Stowe, Sr.	April 13, 1913—Sept. 17, 1916 Pages 41 through 100 missing (six years)
C. P. Lineberger	August 20, 1922—April 1, 1934
J. C. Mason	April 29, 1934—July 20, 1941
J. Linwood Robinson	Sept. 9, 1941—Sept. 1, 1957
W. A. Mason	Oct. 6, 1957—Jan. 5, 1958 Feb. 5, 1961—Dec. 20, 1964
I. E. Howe	Feb. 9, 1958—Jan. 8, 1961
Willis C. Smith	Jan. 24, 1965—Dec. 27, 1970
Eugene A. Maier	Jan. 5, 1975—Dec. 12, 1976
W. A. Dixon, Jr.	Jan. 6, 1971—Dec. 8, 1974
B. Wayne Coggins	Jan. 2, 1977—Dec. 8, 1981 Jan. 3, 1982—Dec. 18, 1988 Jan. 1, 1989—

*First Book of Sessional records not available. (1890—Jan. 13, 1913)

A P P E N D I X H

OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH
DEACONS
(Years Served)

(Rotary System for Deacons Adopted January 29, 1950.)

J. R. Gaston, 11-16-90—	I-1-56—12-31-57
J. T. Smith, 11-16-90	I-1-59—12-31-61
J. Q. Hall (Elected Elder)	I-1-63—12-31-65
R. L. Stowe, Sr. (Life 2-29-48)	I-1-67—12-31-69
J. Brownlee Hall	Thomas Lawing, 12-11-38—4-28-46
H. C. Johnson	Rapley Stewart, 4-1-41—2-29-48
George W. Stowe, Sr. (Life 2-29-48)	S. C. Alexander, 4-1-41—7-29-45
Charles H. Sloan	J. K. Hall, Jr., 4-1-41—3-31-49
Graham G. Dixon (Elected Elder 1-2-44)	Marshall Rhyne, Sr., 4-1-41—1-8-47
William D. Crawford	(Elected Elder 12-18-60)
Robert F. Cox (Life 2-29-41)	4-1-51—3-31-54
I. E. Howe, 6-11-33—1-2-44 (Elected Elder 1-2-44)	I-1-57—12-31-57
W. A. Dixon, Sr., 6-11-33—2-29-48 (Elected Elder 11-12-50)	I-1-59—12-31-60
1-30-49—11-12-50	Theodore D. Stowe, 4-1-41—3-31-49
J. Raymond Stewart, 7-9-33—2-29-48 (Elected Elder 8-9-64)	I-1-54—12-31-56
4-1-49—3-31-52	I-1-61—12-31-63
I-1-56—12-31-58	I-1-66—12-31-68
I-1-62—12-31-64	I-1-70—12-31-72
C. L. Albright, 6-11-33—2-29-48	I-1-74—12-31-76
William Duke, 6-11-33—3-25-37	I-1-78—12-31-80
W. T. Hall, Sr., 12-11-38—2-29-48 (Elected Elder 11-12-50)	I-1-82—12-31-84
M. R. Patrick, 12-11-38—1-2-44 (Elected Elder 12-12-43)	Charles T. Stowe, Sr. 12-12-43—12-28-45
W. J. Pharr, 12-11-38—3-31-49 4-1-51—12-31-54	N. Frank Dixon, Sr., 12-12-43—4-1-49 4-1-50—3-31-53 I-1-56—12-31-58
	L. S. Tate, 12-12-43—4-6-48
	O. J. McKnight, 12-12-43—4-1-49 (Elected Elder 9-18-55) 4-1-50—3-31-53 I-1-55—12-31-55
	Walter M. Hall, Sr., 12-12-43—4-1-49 I-1-54—12-31-56 I-1-61—12-31-63

- J. Bart Hall, 4-I-48—3-3I-51
 (Elected Elder 10-21-62)
 I-I-51—12-3I-54
- Frank P. Hall, Jr., 4-I-48—3-3I-51
 (Deacon Emeritus)
 I-I-54—12-3I-56
 I-I-58—12-3I-60
 I-I-62—12-3I-64
 I-I-65—12-3I-67
- James L. Dixon, 4-I-48—3-3I-51
- George H. Howe, Sr., 4-25-48—3-3I-51
 4-I-52—12-3I-55
 I-I-57—12-3I-59
- S. P. Stowe, Jr., 4-I-48—3-3I-51
 (Elected Elder 10-21-62)
 4-I-51—3-3I-52
 I-I-61—12-3I-62
- Lloyd Richey, 4-I-48—3-18-51
- George Albright, 4-I-48—10-16-49
- W. A. Mason, 4-I-48—3-3I-51
 (Elected Elder 9-18-55)
 4-I-51—12-3I-54
- Willis Smith, 4-I-48—3-3I-51
 (Elected Elder 9-18-55)
 4-I-52—12-3I-55
- R. C. Schoonmaker, 4-I-48—3-3I-51
 4-I-52—12-20-54
- Eldred Lewis, 4-I-48—3-3I-51
 (Elected Elder 9-18-55)
 4-I-52—12-3I-55
- William Allen, 4-I-48—3-3I-51
- Thomas W. Brice, Jr., 4-I-49—3-3I-52
 I-I-54—12-3I-56
 I-I-58—12-3I-60
 I-I-64—12-3I-66
 I-I-68—12-3I-70
 I-I-72—12-3I-74
 I-I-76—12-3I-78
- Charles Fite, Jr., 4-I-49—3-3I-52
 I-I-56—12-3I-58
 I-I-60—12-3I-62
 I-I-66—12-3I-68
 I-I-70—12-3I-72
 I-I-74—12-24-74
- Malloy Davis, Sr., 4-I-49—3-3I-52
 I-I-54—12-3I-56
 I-I-58—12-3I-60
 Joseph C. Steele, 4-I-49—3-3I-52
- Spratt Hanks, 4-I-50—3-3I-53
 (Elected Elder 10-11-70)
 I-I-56—12-3I-58
 I-I-63—12-3I-65
 I-I-67—12-3I-69
- Clyde Cox, 4-I-50—3-3I-53
 (Elected Elder 9-24-72)
 I-I-55—12-3I-57
 I-I-59—12-3I-61
 I-I-66—12-3I-68
 I-I-70—12-3I-72
- Dalton Mann, 4-I-50—3-3I-53
 (Elected Elder 12-18-60)
 I-I-55—12-3I-57
 I-I-60—12-3I-60
- Eugene A. Maier, 4-I-50—3-3I-53
 (Elected Elder 8-22-65
 and 9-22-68)
 I-I-55—12-3I-57
 I-I-61—12-3I-63
 I-I-65—12-3I-65
 I-I-68—12-3I-68
- Frank D. Watkins, Sr.
 4-I-51—12-3I-54
 I-I-56—12-3I-58
- Wylie Ferguson, 4-I-51—12-3I-54
 I-I-56—May 1958
- George N. Dixon, 4-I-52—12-3I-55
 (Elected Elder 10-11-70)
 I-I-57—12-3I-59
 I-I-63—12-3I-65
 I-I-67—12-3I-69
 I-I-79—12-3I-81
- Hall Hanks, 4-I-52—12-3I-55
 I-I-75—12-3I-77
- W. C. Ratchford, I-I-54—12-3I-56
 (Elected Elder 12-18-60)
 I-I-58—12-3I-60

- J. A. Gullick, Jr., 1-1-55—12-31-56
 (Minister)
- J. R. Siler, Jr., 1-1-55—12-31-57
- Harold Howe, Sr., 1-1-55—12-31-55
- Neely F. Dixon, Jr., 1-1-57—12-31-59
 (Elected Elder 11-30-80)
- 1-1-61—12-31-62
- 1-1-65—12-31-67
- 1-1-69—12-31-71
- 1-1-73—12-31-75
- 1-1-77—12-31-79
- W. A. Dixon, Jr., 1-1-57—12-31-59
 (Elected Elder 10-9-66)
- 1-1-63—12-31-65
- Harold Lewis, 1-1-57—12-31-59
 (Elected Elder 9-24-72)
- 1-1-61—12-31-63
- 1-1-65—12-31-67
- 1-1-69—12-31-71
- George C. Wilson, 1-1-57—12-31-59
 (Elected Elder 10-21-62)
- Robert L. Dick, 1-1-58—12-31-60
 (Elected Elder 10-11-70)
- 1-1-62—12-31-64
- 1-1-66—12-31-68
- Robert L. Stowe, Jr., 1-1-58—12-31-60
 (Elected Elder 8-22-65)
- 1-1-62—12-31-64
- J. C. Cowan, III, 1-1-59—12-31-61
 1-1-64—12-31-66
- Ernest White, 1-1-59—12-31-61
 (Elected Elder 9-24-72)
- 1-1-63—12-31-65
- 1-1-67—12-31-69
- 1-1-74—12-31-76
- 1-1-78—12-31-78
- Fred Wyant, 1-1-59—12-31-61
 1-1-71—12-31-73
- 1-1-77—12-31-79
- Herman Decker, 1-1-61—12-31-61
 (Elected Elder 1-1-87)
- 1-1-64—12-31-66
- 1-1-69—12-31-71
- 1-1-73—12-31-75
- 1-1-77—12-31-79
- 1-1-83—12-31-85
- James P. Boger, 1-1-60—12-31-62
 1-1-65—12-31-67
- 1-1-69—12-31-71
- 1-1-73—12-31-75
- George Q. Hall, 1-1-60—12-31-62
 (Elected Elder 10-11-70
 and 9-24-78)
- 1-1-64—12-31-66
- 1-1-68—12-31-70
- 1-1-78—12-31-78
- Charles T. Stowe, Jr., 1-1-60—12-31-62
 (Elected Elder 9-13-81)
- 1-1-64—12-31-66
- 1-1-69—12-31-69
- 1-1-71—12-31-73
- 1-1-75—12-31-77
- 1-1-79—12-31-81
- Frank D. Watkins, Jr.
 1-1-60—12-31-62
 (Elected Elder 9-29-74)
- 1-1-65—12-31-67
- 1-1-69—12-31-70
- 1-1-72—12-31-74
- George W. Stowe, Jr.
 1-1-61—12-31-63
- Charles C. Hagerty, 1-1-62—12-31-64
 (Elected Elder 9-24-72)
- 1-1-66—12-31-68
- 1-1-70—12-31-72
- 1-1-80—12-31-82
- J. Linwood Robinson, Jr.
 1-1-62—12-31-64
- W. M. Modisette, Jr., 1-1-63—12-31-63
- Tom M. Moore, 1-1-63—12-31-65
 (Elected Elder 9-22-68)
- 1-1-67—12-31-68
- J. M. Carstarphen, III
 1-1-64—12-31-66
 (Elected Elder 12-19-82)

- I-I-70—12-31-72
 I-I-74—12-31-76
 I-I-79—12-31-79
 I-I-81—12-31-82
- Herman D. Smith, Jr.
 I-I-65—12-31-67
 (Elected Elder 9-26-68)
- Quay T. Smith, I-I-66—12-31-68
 I-I-70—12-31-72
 I-I-74—12-31-76
- Joseph S. Stowe, I-I-67—12-31-69
 (Elected Elder 10-11-70)
 I-I-71—12-31-73
 I-I-75—12-31-77
 I-I-79—12-31-79
 I-I-81—12-31-83
- James S. Massey, I-I-68—12-31-70
 Clyde J. Horne, I-I-68—12-31-70
 (Elected Elder 9-25-83)
- Leslie T. West, I-I-68—12-31-70
 (Elected Elder 12-19-82)
- Marshall H. Rhyne, Jr.
 I-I-69—12-31-71
 I-I-73—12-31-75
 I-I-77—2-I-77
- James L. Wilson, I-I-69—12-31-70
- William A. Coley, I-I-71—12-31-73
 (Elected Elder 9-24-78)
 I-I-75—12-31-77
- R. Davidson Hall, Jr., I-I-71—12-31-73
 (Elected Elder I-I-89)
 I-I-75—12-31-77
 I-I-79—12-31-80
 I-I-83—12-31-85
- Samuel L. Howe, I-I-71—12-31-73
 (Elected Elder 9-13-81)
 I-I-75—12-31-77
 I-I-79—12-31-81
- W. Fred Lewis, I-I-71—12-31-71
 I-I-73—12-31-75
- Henry T. Howe, I-I-72—12-31-74
 (Elected Elder 11-30-80)
 I-I-76—12-31-78
 I-I-80—12-31-80
- T. Marion Hunter, I-I-72—12-31-74
 Joseph E. Maier, I-I-72—12-31-74
 (Elected Elder I-I-89)
 I-I-76—12-31-88
 I-I-80—12-31-82
 I-I-84—12-31-86
- Arthur M. Rose, I-I-72—12-31-74
- Harold V. Poovey, I-I-73—12-31-75
 I-I-77—
- B. Wayne Coggins, I-I-74—12-31-76
 (Elected Elder 11-30-80)
 I-I-78—12-31-80
- Donavan A. Grice, I-I-76—12-31-78
 Charles R. McClure, Jr.
 I-I-76—12-31-78
 I-I-80—12-31-82
 I-I-84—12-31-86
- Thomas G. Sparrow, I-I-76—12-31-78
 Alfred R. Stowe, I-I-76—12-31-76
- George M. Howe, Jr., I-I-77—12-31-79
 I-I-85—12-31-87
- Hugh W. Causey, I-I-78—12-31-80
 (Elected Elder 8-25-85)
 I-I-82—12-31-84
- George B. McClellan, Jr.
 I-I-78—12-31-80
 (Elected Elder 9-13-81)
- Edward H. McGee, I-I-78—12-31-80
 (Elected Elder 11-30-80)
- Mrs. Jane Coley,* I-I-79—12-31-81
 I-I-83—12-15-85
- Thomas M. Hunter, Jr.

- 1-1-79—12-31-81
 (Elected Elder 8-25-85)
 1-1-83—12-31-85
- William Richard Lewis
 1-1-79—12-31-81
- Larry Ronald Barnes, 1-1-80—12-31-82
 (Elected Elder 12-19-82)
- Kenneth Templeton, 1-1-80—12-31-82
- Malloy Davis, Jr., 1-1-81—12-31-83
 (Elected Elder 9-25-83)
- Mrs. Mary Margaret Hunter
 1-1-81—12-31-82
 (Elected Elder 1-1-87)
- Mrs. Donna Simmons
 1-1-81—12-31-83
- Robert Lee Stowe, III
 1-1-81—12-31-83
 (Elected Elder 8-20-89)
 1-1-85—12-31-87
- Parks H. Wilson, Jr.,
 1-1-81—12-31-83
 (Elected Elder 1-1-88)
 1-1-85—12-31-87
- Thomas W. Knowles, III
 1-1-81—12-31-83
- Andrew G. Howe, 1-1-82—12-31-84
 1-1-86—12-31-88
- David Lytle, 1-1-82—12-31-84
 (Elected Elder 1-1-88)
- Samuel P. Stowe, III
 1-1-82—12-31-84
 1-1-86—12-31-88
- Ronald S. Ware, 1-1-82—12-31-84
 (Elected Elder 8-26-84)
- Mrs. Marsha Howe, 1-1-83—12-31-85
 Walter P. Rhyne, 1-1-83—12-31-85
- Lee A. Beatty, 1-1-84—12-31-86
- Gary Brooks, 1-1-84—7-14-85
 (Entered Seminary 1985)
- William W. Downing, IV
 1-1-84—12-31-86
- 1-1-89—12-31-91
 Mrs. Janice W. Stowe
 1-1-84—12-31-86
- Mrs. Catherine Ann Carstarphen
 1-1-85—12-31-87
 (Elected Elder 1-1-88)
- Mrs. Betty Causey, 1-1-85—12-31-87
 (Elected Elder 8-20-89)
- Walter K. Dixon, 1-1-85—12-31-87
 1-1-89—12-31-91
- Richard S. Cromlish, Jr.
 1-1-86—12-31-88
- R. Steven Jones, 1-1-86—12-31-88
- Mrs. Jennifer Davis, 1-1-86—12-31-86
 1-1-90—12-31-92
- William J. Howe, 1-1-86—12-31-88
- Mark T. Noles, 1-1-86—12-31-88
- Charles D. Frye, 1-1-87—12-31-89
- Walter M. Hall, III, 1-1-87—12-31-89
- Glenn R. Harris, 1-1-87—12-31-89
- Mrs. Jane M. Modisette
 1-1-87—12-31-89
- Emily Smith, 1-1-87—12-31-89
- Will Spence, 1-1-87—12-31-89
- Ann D. Decker, 1-1-88—12-31-90
- Carol C. Dixon, 1-1-88—12-31-90
- David J. Howe, 1-1-88—12-31-90
- Curtis B. Johnston, 1-1-88—12-31-90
- Larry G. Powell, Jr., 1-1-88—12-31-90
- Lucille H. Rinehart, 1-1-88—12-31-90
- Mrs. Nancy Coggins, 1-1-89—12-31-91
- Ben Mayo, 1-1-89—12-31-91
- Mike Pate, 1-1-89—12-31-91
- Gary White, 1-1-89—12-31-91
- Bill Pharr Carstarphen
 1-1-90—12-31-92
- Robert Decker, 1-1-90—12-31-92
- Mrs. Cherry Howe, 1-1-90—12-31-92
- Robert F. Suggs, 1-1-90—12-31-92
- Mrs. Gayla Woody, 1-1-90—12-31-92

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SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

Records not available from 1890-1913

J. Q. Hall
J. B. Hall
M. N. Hall
Frank P. Hall
Robert Davidson Hall
Issac E. Howe
Marcus R. Patrick
James Dixon
William A. Mason
Eldred F. Lewis
O. J. McKnight
George C. Wilson
Hall S. Hanks
Ernest White
Fred L. Bumgardner, Jr.
Thomas Brice, Jr.
Tom M. Moore
Joseph S. Stowe
Herman R. Decker
Thomas Glenn Sparrow
Henry T. Howe
Charles R. McClure, Jr.
Andrew G. Howe
Rodney Glenn Harris
Robert Steven Jones
Pamela Pryor Mayo (Mrs. Benjamin C.)
Curtis B. Johnston
Robert Davidson Hall, Jr.

A P P E N D I X J

MEMBERS SERVING AS MODERATOR OF PRESBYTERY

I. E. Howe, Kings Mountain Presbytery*
M. R. Patrick, Kings Mountain Presbytery*
W. A. Mason, Kings Mountain Presbytery*
W. A. Coley, Presbytery of Concord*
The Reverend Leslie C. Tucker, Presbytery of Western North Carolina*

MODERATOR OF THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA

The Reverend E. D. Witherspoon, Th.D.

COMMISSIONERS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

W. A. Mason
S. P. Stowe, Jr.
W. A. Dixon, Jr.
The Reverend Leslie C. Tucker, Jr.

*Presbytery membership:

Kings Mountain Presbytery, 1902-1971
Concord Presbytery, 1971-1987
Presbytery of Western North Carolina, 1987-

APPENDIX K

PRESIDENTS OF THE WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

Susan Adeline Stowe Hanks (Mrs. George W.)	1890
Minnie Stowe Puett (Mrs. W. B.)	
Mrs. W. S. Lacy	
Nellie Denny Hall (Mrs. J. Q.)	
Minnie Thompson Hall (Mrs. F. P.)	
Annie Denny Hall (Mrs. M. N.)	
Lottie Fite Hall (Mrs. J. B.)	
Miss Meliabel Crawford	
Ethel Patrick Stowe (Mrs. S. P.)	1917
Miss Anne Hall	
Laura Watt Pressly (Mrs. J. M.)	
Melva Gullick Neal (Mrs. Paul)	
Miss Pearl Lineberger	
Lois Campbell Wilson (Mrs. George S.)	
Nan Craig Dixon (Mrs. W. A.)	
Mary Poole Lowe (Mrs. Hugh)	
Carolina May Hall (Mrs. M. N., Jr.)	
Alice Hall Dixon (Mrs. R. Clarence)	
Laura Duncan Alexander (Mrs. S. Craighead)	1941-1942
Ethel Patrick Stowe (Mrs. S. P.)	1943-1944
Sara Beaty Sloan Schoonmaker (Mrs. Richard C.)	1944-1945
Miss Pearl Lineberger	1946-48-49
Lucille McGowan Hall (Mrs. J. K., Jr.)	1949-1950
Margaret Howe Rice (Mrs. J. C.)	1951-1952
Frances Armstrong Patrick (Mrs. M. R.)	1953-1954
Miss Abbie Hall	1955-1956
Mary Ann Russell Young (Mrs. Thomas F., Jr.)	1957-1958
Mary Margaret Stowe Hunter (Mrs. T. Marion)	1959-1960
Gloria Cowan (Mrs. John C., III)	1961-1962
Miss Anne Hall	1963-1964
Louise Smith (Mrs. Herman D., Jr.)	1965-1966
Carol Coffin Dixon (Mrs. W. A., Jr.)	1966-1968
Mary Armstrong West (Mrs. Leslie L.)	1968-1970
Jane Mikesell Modisette (Mrs. W. M., Jr.)	1970-1972
Sue Lineberger Howe (Mrs. George M.)	1972-1974

Joanne Cooper Watkins (Mrs. Frank D., Jr.)	1974-1976
Julia Henson Perry (Mrs. Floyd E.)	1976-1978
Celeste Hall Mason (Mrs. W. A.)	1978-1980
Josephine Mauney Payne (Mrs. J. I.)	1980-1982
Janice Williams Stowe (Mrs. Joseph S.)	1982-1984
Patti Pendley Hunter (Mrs. Thomas M., Jr.)	1984-1986
Hilda Heafner Fite (Mrs. C. W., Jr.)	1986-1988
Elizabeth Hardee Steele (Mrs. James G.)	1988-1989
Marsha Gaston Howe (Mrs. George M., Jr.)	1989-1990
Elizabeth West Howe (Mrs. Henry T.)	1990-1991

APPENDIX L

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH
HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

Nan Craig Dixon (Mrs. W. A.) from Kings Mountain Presbytery	1939
Nellie Denny Hall (Mrs. J. Q.)	1941
Ethel Patrick Stowe (Mrs. S. P.)	1945
Nan Craig Dixon (Mrs. W. A.)	1946
Miss Margaret Hansil	1948
Miss Pearl Lineberger	1949
Lottie Fite Hall (Mrs. J. B.)	1950
Miss Mary E. Hall	1951
Miss Clara Crawford	
Nan Craig Dixon (Mrs. W. A.) from N. C. Synodical	1954
Janie Johnston Howe (Mrs. G. W.)	1955
Miss Abbie Hall	1959
Miss Margaret Cathey	1960
Miss Abbie Hall from Kings Mountain Presbytery	
Ethel Cathey Hagerty (Mrs. James)	1961
Cora Armstrong Lewis (Mrs. Frank)	1962
Miss Georgie Cathey	1963
Miss Ethel Stowe	
Laura Watt Pressly (Mrs. J. M.) from Goshen Presbyterian Church	
Maggie Hall Sloan (Mrs. Charles H.)	1964
Mabel Ford Smith (Mrs. T. C. T.)	
Aubrey Cannon Tucker (Mrs. J. D.)	
Frances McFayden Witherspoon (Mrs. Eugene)	1969
Faye Sloan Dixon (Mrs. Frank N.)	1970
Miss Anne Hall	
Nell Hall Dixon (Mrs. R. Clarence)	1971
Mary Edna Springs Dixon (Mrs. George N.) (Posthumously)	1972
Mary Margaret Stowe Hunter (Mrs. T. Marion)	1975
Grace Lineberger Stewart (Mrs. Raymond)	
Mary Armstrong West (Mrs. Leslie)	1976
Lucille McGowan Hall (Mrs. J. K., Jr.)	1977
Frances Armstrong Patrick (Mrs. M. R.)	
Lois Campbell Wilson (Mrs. George S.)	
Mary Campbell Bigger (Mrs. William I.)	1978

Grace Jackson Ferguson (Mrs. H. E.)	1979
Carolina May Hall (Mrs. M. N.)	1980
Julia Henson Perry (Mrs. Floyd E.)	1981
Margaret Howe Rice (Mrs. J. C.) (Posthumously)	1982
Mary Sue Lineberger Stell (Mrs. Lawrence I.)	
Grace Gullick Hall (Mrs. W. T., Sr.) (Posthumously)	1983
Virginia Armstrong Hall (Mrs. J. Bart)	
Mary Margaret Stowe Hunter (Mrs. T. Marion)	
Presbytery of Concord	1984
Carol Coffin Dixon (Mrs. W. A., Jr.)	1985
Celeste Hall Mason (Mrs. W. A.)	1987
Jane Mikesell Modisette (Mrs. W. M., Jr.)	
Esther Phillips McKnight (Mrs. O. J.)	1990
Josephine Mauney Payne (Mrs. J. I.)	

A P P E N D I X M

PRESBYTERIAL PRESIDENT
KINGS MOUNTAIN PRESBYTERY

Minnie Thompson Hall (Mrs. F. P.)	1917-1919
Nan Craig Dixon (Mrs. W. A.)	1947
Abbie Hall (Miss)	1958-1960
Frances M. Witherspoon (Mrs. Eugene D.)	1968-1970

PRESIDENT
WOMEN OF CHURCH
CONCORD PRESBYTERY

Mary Margaret Stowe Hunter (Mrs. T. Marion)	1982-1984
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SYNODICAL PRESIDENT
SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA

Nan Craig Dixon (Mrs. W. A.)	1946-1949
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CHAIRMAN
WOMAN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL*

Nan Craig Dixon (Mrs. W. A.)	1948
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A P P E N D I X N

MISSIONARIES

(A Partial List of Missionaries Sponsored by the Church.)

Miss Virginia Holiday, Belgian Congo
Mr. and Mrs. Bridgeman, Africa
The Reverend D. Lee Williamson, Brazil
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Evelyn N. Worth, Brazil
Laura and Donald Williams, Brazil
Sue and David Hudson, Korea
Gloria and Ross Kinsler, Costa Rica

A P P E N D I X O

ORGANISTS AND CHOIR DIRECTORS

Minnie Thompson Hall (Mrs. Frank P.)
Miss Sue Stowe (later Mrs. Hardaway Pegram Stowe)
Miss Mary Howe (later Mrs. Robert Davidson Hall)
Miss Maude Poole
Miss Virginia Tatum
Douglas Smith
Mrs. Harry Hall
Miss Ruth Elmore
Julia Dickson Stowe (Mrs. S. P., Jr.)
Frank West
Dorothy Thompson Davis (Mrs. Malloy)
David M. Lowry
Tina Summey (Mrs. Charles B.)
Richard M. Wilson
Benjamin J. Outen, III

A P P E N D I X P

ORGAN COMPONENTS

The organ at First Presbyterian Church, Belmont, NC was originally built and installed by Austin Organs, Inc. of Hartford, Connecticut, in 1927. The organ has been revoiced and enlarged twice. The first renovation of the organ occurred in 1966 when the organ was moved into the present sanctuary. In 1982 the organ was enlarged to its current size and specifications.

The tonal design of the instrument was prepared by Richard J. Piper, Vice-President and Tonal Director of the Austin firm, the installation by F. S. Fanjoy and Vernon Thrift.

GREAT ORGAN (unenclosed)

Principal	8'	61 pipes
Bourdon	8'	61 pipes
Octave	4'	61 pipes
Spitzflote	4'	61 pipes
Mixture	III Rks	183 pipes
Chimes		25 tubes
Swell to Great	16, 8, & 4	
Choir to Great	16, 8, & 4	

SWELL ORGAN (enclosed)

Gedeckt	8'	68 pipes
Viola	8'	68 pipes
Voix Celeste	8'	56 pipes
Principal	4'	68 pipes
Flauto Traverso	4'	68 pipes
Blockflote	2'	61 pipes
Scharf	III Rks	183 pipes
Trompette	8'	68 pipes
Vox humana	8'	61 pipes
Tremulant		
Swell to Swell	16 & 4	

CHOIR ORGAN (enclosed)

Nason Flute	8'	68 pipes
Dulciana	8'	68 pipes
Unda Maris	8'	56 pipes
Koppelfloete	4'	68 pipes
Oktav	2'	61 pipes
Sesquialtera	II Rks	122 pipes
Krummhorn	8'	56 pipes
Tremulant		
Great to Choir 8		
Swell to Choir 16, 8, & 4		
Choir to Choir 16 & 4		

ANTIPHONAL ORGAN (unenclosed)

Holz Gedeckt	8'	61 pipes
Prestant	4'	61 pipes
Spitz Principal	2'	61 pipes
Mixture III	III Rks	183 pipes
Festival Trompette	8'	73 pipes

PEDAL ORGAN

Diapason	16'	32 pipes
Bourdon	16'	32 pipes
Dulciana	16'	12 pipes
Principal	8'	32 pipes
Octave	8'	12 pipes
Bourdon	8'	12 pipes
Choral Bass	4'	12 pipes
Trompette	16'	12 pipes
Holz Gedeckt (Ant.)	16'	12 pipes
Great to Pedal 8		
Swell to Pedal 8 & 4		
Choir to Pedal 8 & 4		

Twelve General Piston, Six Divisional Pistons for each manual, and 5 Divisional Pistons for the Pedal.

A P P E N D I X Q

FRANK P. HALL, JR.,
WINTER LECTURE SERIES SPEAKERS

- 1984 Dr. William Arnold; Professor of Pastoral Care, Union Theological Seminary; "Coping With Life."
- 1985 Dr. F. Harry Daniel; Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Paducah, Kentucky; "Wisdom and Courage for the Living of These Days."
- 1986 Dr. Shirley Guthrie, Jr.; Professor, Columbia Seminary; "What Does It Mean To Be a Christian?"
- 1987 Dr. Max E. Polley; Professor of Religion, Davidson College; "The Prophetic Call for True Religion: A Study of the Book of Amos."
- 1988 Dr. Thomas G. Long; Professor, Princeton Theological Seminary; "When God Hides."
- 1989 Dr. Charles E. Brown; Professor of Pastoral Theology, Union Theological Seminary; "Strengthening the Family."
- 1990 Dr. George Stroup; Professor of Theology, Columbia Theological Seminary; "The Christian Faith and the Problem of Change."

A P P E N D I X R

CHARTER MEMBERS

1. Andrew Alexander Cathey
2. Mary Freeman Cathey (Mrs. A. A.)
3. W. W. Davis, M.D.
4. Mrs. Mary Ewing
5. Mary Johnson Fite (Mrs. Charles A.)
6. Joe R. Gaston
7. John Davidson Hall
8. Mary Matthews Hall (Mrs. J. D.)
9. Matthews Neagle Hall
10. Annie Denny Hall (Mrs. M. N.)
11. Price B. Hall
12. Susan Stowe Hanks (Mrs. G. W.)
13. Miss Susan Adeline Hanks (later Mrs. John F. Tate)
14. Alice West Mellon (Mrs. Neal)
15. Mariah Leeper Neagle (Mrs. Andrew)
16. Nancy McClure Rumfelt (Mrs. N. R.)
17. Miss Mary E. Rumfelt (later Mrs. J. H. Bigham)
18. W. E. Sanders
19. Mrs. W. E. Sanders
20. Miss Pomilla J. Sanders (Janie)
21. James Shields
22. Mrs. James Shields
23. James T. Smith
24. Abram Stowe
25. Fannie H. Stowe (Mrs. Abram)
26. Margaret Ann Sloan Stowe (Mrs. C. T.)
27. Minnie L. Stowe (later Mrs. W. B. Puett)
28. Ida O. Stowe (later Mrs. O. M. Boyd)

APPENDIX S

CHARTER MEMBER DESCENDANTS

A Church's Charter members stand pre-eminent among its cloud of witnesses. The following linear descendants of our charter members were members of First Presbyterian Church in 1990 and provide a link between past, present, and future. Generations are indicated by number.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur A. Cathey, *charter members*

Charles Cathey Hagerty	3
Cathy Lynn Hagerty Bates Thornburg (Mrs. Norris)	4
Alisa Bates	5
Jean Ellen Hagerty Bridges (Mrs. Charles)	4
Ariel A. Bridges	5
Alexa B. Bridges	5
Dr. Edward Hope Hagerty	3
Margaret A. Hagerty	4
Mary Martha Hagerty	4

Mrs. Charles A. Fite, *charter member*

Christopher Hall Jones	4
Celeste Hall Mason (Mrs. W. A.)	3
Charles Wayne Fite, III	4

Mr. and Mrs. Matthews Neagle Hall, *charter members*

Christopher Hall Jones	4
Celeste Hall Mason (Mrs. W. A.)	3
Anne Hall Dixon Decker (Mrs. Herman R.)	3
Allison Decker Sonier (Mrs. Jeffrey T.)	4
Robert D. Decker	4
Charles B. Decker	4
Mary Denny Decker Barker (Mrs. Scott)	4
Robert Davidson Hall, Jr.	3
Robert Davidson Hall, III	4
Michael Matthews Hall	4

Mrs. George W. Hanks, *charter member*

Laura Tate Blanton (Mrs. Paul)	3
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Paul Eugene Blanton	4
Robert F. Blanton	5
Adair I. Blanton	6
Hall Smith Hanks	3
Mr. and Mrs. Abram Stowe, <i>charter members</i>	
Mary Randall Stowe Rhyne (Mrs. Walter P.)	4
Marshall Stowe Rhyne	5
David Alexander Rhyne	5
Daniel Arthur Rhyne	5
Alice Pratt Rhyne	5
Mrs. Charles Theodore Stowe, <i>charter member</i>	
Robert Lee Stowe, III	4
Christine Ruth Stowe	5
Lillian Rhyne Stowe	5
Richmond Harding Stowe	4
Catherine Stowe Pharr (Mrs. William J.)	3
Catherine Ann Pharr Carstarphen (Mrs. J. Martin, III)	4
Joseph Martin Carstarphen, IV	5
Alexandra Pharr Carstarphen	6
Catherine Stowe Pharr Carstarphen	5
William James Pharr Carstarphen	5
Daniel Jonathan Stowe	3
Charles Theodore Stowe, Jr.	4
Charles Theodore Stowe, III	5
Shannon Elizabeth Stowe Jackson (Mrs. Herbert W.)	5
Sara Kathryn Stowe	5
Samuel Pinckney Stowe, III	4
Amanda Sparks Stowe	5
Samuel Pinckney Stowe, IV (Rusty)	5
Christopher Marshall Stowe	5
Alfred Rankin Stowe	3
Joseph Sloan Stowe	4
Joseph Scott Stowe	5
Leslie Sloan Stowe	5
Susannah Glenn Stowe	5
Theodore Drury Stowe	3
Margaret Stowe	3
Betty Sloan Stowe	3
Mary Margaret Stowe Hunter (Mrs. T. Marion)	3

Thomas Marion Hunter, Jr.	4
Patricia Leigh Stowe Hunter	5
Thomas Marion Hunter, III	5
George Washington Stowe, Jr.	3
Merrilyn Crosby Stowe Williams (Mrs. William L., Jr.)	4
Eli Stowe Williams	5
William Lloyd Williams, III (Jake)	5
George Matthew Williams	5
 Mrs. John F. Tate, <i>charter member</i>	
Laura Tate Blanton (Mrs. Paul)	2
Paul Eugene Blanton	3
Robert F. Blanton	4
Adair I. Blanton	5

APPENDIX T

MEMBERSHIP ROLL

NAME	RECEIVED	DIED	DISMISSED
Abernathy, Betty Ruth (Mrs. John Andrew Gullick, Jr.)	1924 Sugar Cr Pres, Charlotte	1959 Shepherdstown, W. Va.	
Abernathy, Elizabeth "Beth" (Mrs. V. Cheek & Mrs. Thomas P. Richardson)	1926 P.F.		
Forney Luther	1941 Goshen	1987	
Abernethy, J. Vernon	1981 1st Bapt. Belmont		
Abernethy, J. Vernon Mrs. (Marcia)	1981 1st Bapt. Belmont		
Abernethy, William H.	1909 P.F.		
Ahrendt, Barry	1982 Reaffirmation	1987 Inactive Roll	
Barry Mrs. (Betty Jo "B.J.")	1982 1st Pres, Dunn	1987 Inactive Roll	
Claude	1920		
Claude Mrs. (Minnie Tate)	1913 First Pres, Kings Mt. & 1920	1918 Concord First Pres	
Cora	1911	1913 Gastonia	
Ethel	1921		
George	1927 P.F.	1949 Ginter Pk Pres, Ch., Richmond, Va.	
Albright, George F. Mrs. (Dorothy Severs)	1939 Wesley Heights Meth, Charlotte	1949 Ginter Park Pres, Richmond, Va.	
Lillie J. Mrs.	1911	1913 Gastonia	
Albright, Sam L.	1921 P.F. & 1935	1935 Monroe First Pres, Ch.	
Albright, Sam L. Mrs. (Edna Terrell & Mrs. A. C. Taylor)	1935 1st Pres Ch, Monroe	1913 Gastonia	
Walter	1911	1945 Caldwell Mem Pres, Charlotte	
Annie Lowrie	1944 P.F.	1958 Retired Roll	
Robert D.	1933 1st Pres, Charlotte	1945 Caldwell Mem, Charlotte	
Alexander, Robert	1933 Calvary Pres, Upper Darby, Pa.	1945 Caldwell Mem, Charlotte	
Alexander, Samuel Craighead	1933 Calvary Pres, Upper Darby, Pa.	1945 Caldwell Mem Pres, Charlotte	
Alexander, Samuel Craighead Mrs. (Laura Duncan)	1941 P.F.	1924 Mt. Holly Pres, Ch.	
Katie	1919 P.F.	1955 Peace Men Pres, Clearwater, Fla.	
Allen, William Marcus	1941 Statement	1955 Peace Men Pres, Clearwater, Fla.	
Allen, William Marcus Mrs. (Irene Harris)	1946 P.F.	1955 Clearwater, Fla.	
Allen, William Marcus Jr.	1953 Westover Hills Presbyterian, Charlotte	1970 1st Pres, Gastonia	
Allen, C. Howard	1953 Westover Hills Presbyterian, Charlotte	1970 1st Pres, Gastonia	
Allison, C. Howard Mrs. (Helen)	1963 P.F.	1970 1st Pres, Gastonia	
Allison, Helen Claudette	1962 P.F.	1970 1st Pres, Gastonia	
Allison, Margaret Ellen	1965 P.F.	1970 1st Pres, Gastonia	
Allison, Pamela Higdon	1902		
Allison, Lizzie	1970 Bapt. Ch, Alexis, N.C.		
Anderson, Andrews	About 1942		
Anderson, R. G. Mrs.			
Antemann, Brian Michael	1986 Reformed Ch, Scotia, N.Y.		
Antemann, Brian M. Mrs. (Kye Culbertson)	1986 Reformed Ch, Scotia, N.Y.		
Archer, Betty Jo	1942 P.F.		
Archer, Ella Elizabeth (Mrs. Lynn Chaney)	1927 P.F.		
Archer, Evelyn (Mrs. William Garland Schronce)	1930 P.F.		
Archer, Evelyn	1932 P.F.		
	1948 E Belmont Pres		

NAME

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Archer,	Harold	1942 P.F.	1955 Bethesda Meth, Gastonia
Archer,	Joe F.	Unknown	1925 Goshen
Archer,	Joe F. Mrs.	Unknown	1936 E Belmont Pres
Archer,	Maggie Curtis Mrs.	1940 Statement	1978 1st Pres, Charlotte
Armstrong,	Clara	1950 1st Meth Ch, Belmont	1938 New Hope Pres
Armstrong,	Elizabeth Louise (Mrs. Charles Edwards)	1932 P.F.	1955 Bethesda Meth, Gastonia
Armstrong,	Franice Rebecca (Mrs. Robert F. Suggs)	1943 P.F. & 1987	1962 Retired Roll
Armstrong,	Harold Neal	1951 S Point Meth, Belmont Park	1962 Retired Roll
Armstrong,	Harold Neal Mrs. (Betty Green)	1953 Lutheran Church, Mt. Holly	
Armstrong,	J. Conder Mrs. (Ethel Elmore)	1927 P.F.	
Armstrong,	Jasper Hayes	1934 P.F.	
Armstrong,	John Conder, Jr.	1931 P.F.	
Armstrong;	John Conder Jr. Mrs. (Inez Leeper)	1970 South Point Methodist, Belmont	
Armstrong;	Lonne A.	1949 S Point Meth, Belmont	
Armstrong;	Louis	1950 P.F.	
Armstrong;	Louis Mrs. (Frances Martin)	1969 Statement	
Armstrong;	Martin Louis	1966 P.F.	
Armstrong;	R. S. Mrs. (Mary Johnston)	1979 P.F.	
Armstrong;	Tammy Michelle	1908	
Auten,	Carrie Mrs.	1917	
Auten,	Dorothy Louise	1929 P.F.	
Auten,	E. M.	1916 First Pres. Ch., Gastonia & 1919	
Auten,	George Robert	1964 Statement	
Auten,	George Robert, Jr.	1967 P.F.	
Auten,	John Craig	1970 P.F.	
Auten,	Julia E.	1902	
Auten,	Junius	1917	
Auten,	Karie	1902	
Auten,	Lucille	1917	
Auten,	Pearl	1912 P.F.	
Auten,	S. I.	1902	
Bailes,	Joseph E.	1958 1st Pres, Leaksville	
Bailes,	J. E. Mrs. (Luesta)	1958 1st Pres, Leaksville	
Baker,	Alice Mrs.	1915 P.F.	
Baker,	Debbie	1985 Reaffirmation (Milford Un Meth, Salisbury)	
Balew,	Rick	1977 Conterview Bapt, Belmont	
Balew,	Rick Mrs. (Cecelia Bowers)	1987 Marietta St Bapt, Gastonia	
Barnes,	Rick Mrs. (Ann Dellinger)	1977 1st Pres, Salisbury	
Barnes,	Elizabeth Robison	1981 P.F.	
Barnes,	Larry Ronald	1977 Bapt Ch, Birmingham, Ala	
Barnes,	Larry Ronald Mrs. (Mary Scott Alford)	1981 P.F.	
Barnes,	Larry Ronald, Jr.	1930 P.F.	
Barnes,	Mary Mrs.	1974 P.F.	
Barnett,	Ruby	1943 Purcell Methodist, Charlotte	
Barnette,	Maude Hobbs Mrs.	1953	
Barnette,	Dorothy Graham (Mrs. Oscar M. Carnes)	1926 & 1942 Thrift Methodist, Paw Cr, NC	
Barnette,	John Graham Mrs. (Gladys Yarborough)	1927 Pineville Pres	
		1949 Thrift Meth, Paw Creek & 1981 Park St Meth	
		1927 Pineville Pres & 1949 Paw Creek	
		1927 Meth Ch	

Barnette,	Lottie Jean (Mrs. George Robert Auten)	1943 P.F. & 1954
Barnette,	Yarborough (Mrs. Sallie & Mrs. Brown Lloyd)	1947 P.F. & 1954
Charles Auld		1950 York A.R.P., York, SC
Charles Ms. (Mary Roberts)		1990 York A.R.P., York, SC
Goldie (Mrs. Bruce H. Stribling, Jr.)		1949 Pres Ch, Seneca, S.C.
S.R. Mrs. (Laura)		1924 2nd Pres, Greenville, S.C.
Joe Michael		1972 P.F.
Alisa Michelle		1983 P.F. & 1989
L. R.		1928 P.F.
Arthur A.		1977 Providence Un Meth, Charlotte
J. C.		1942 P.F.
Beam,	Kendall J. Mrs.	1955 Pres Ch, Shelby
Beam,	Kendall J. Mrs.	1955 Pres Ch, Staunton, Va.
Beam,	Kendall J., Jr.	1955 Pres Ch, Staunton, Va.
O. T.		1929
O. T. Mrs.		1929
Lee Alexander, M.D.		1981 1st Pres, Mt. Holly
Lee Alexander, M.D. Mrs. (Kristen)		1981 1st Pres, Mt. Holly
Ellen		Unknown
Lois		1949 Park St Meth, Belmont
Norman		1952 Reaffirmation
Marcia		1966 P.F.
Walter Mrs.		1961 1st Bapt, Charlotte
Lewis		1929
Reece, M.D.		1931 Church of choice
Robert Murdock, Jr.		1974 Orange Pres Ch., Orange, VA
Robert Murdock, Jr. Mrs. (Pat)		1974 Orange Pres Ch., Orange, VA
Robert Murdock, III		1974 Orange Pres Ch., Orange, VA
Wesley Brown		1975 P.F.
Mary Ann (Mrs. William S. Burton)		1944 Burton Mem Pres, Schoolfield, Va.
William Isaac Mrs. (Mary Campbell)		1944 Burton Mem Pres, Schoolfield, Va.
William Isaac, Jr.		1944 Burton Mem Pres, Schoolfield, Va.
Carlela		1923
J. H.		1925 Steele Creek
Lillian		1925 Steele Creek
Margaret		1925 Steele Creek
Mary J.		1919 P.F.
Mary Henry		1988 Zionsville Pres, Zionsville, Ind.
Randall Hope		1988 Zionsville Pres, Zionsville, Ind.
Randall Hope Mrs. (Martha Richardson)		1989 P.F.
Randall Brett		1923 P.F.
Theima		1923
W. C.		1923
W. C. Mrs.		1989 P.F.
Wendy Hope		1958 1st Pres Ch, High Point
Betty Jane (Mrs. Albert Lane)		1955 Main St. Meth Ch, Belmont
Harold L.		1980 Boyce Mem A.R.P., Kings Minn.
Margaret		1928
Larry Arthur		1986 Mallard Cr Pres, Charlotte
Blackwelldeir,		1986 Mallard Cr Pres, Charlotte
Blackwelldeir,		1989 Park St Meth, Belmont
Larry Arthur Mrs. (Celia Putnam)		1989 Park St Meth, Belmont

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Blair, Blair, Blankenship, Blanton, Blanton, Blanton, Blanton, Blanton, Blanton, Blanton, Blanton, Blanton, Blanton, Blanton, Blanton, Bloton, Boger, Boger, Boger, Boger, Bolin, Bolin, Bolin, Bolin, Bolt, Bolt, Booker, Booker, Boothby, Bowen, Bowden, Bradley, Bradley, Brand, Brand, Brand, Brice, Brice, Brice, Brice, Charles, Bridges, Bridges, Bridges, Bridges, Brison,	<p>William F. William F. Mrs. Eagleton Fritz Paul Kenneth Paul Eugene Paul Eugene Mrs. (Shirley) Richard H. Robert Franklin Robert F. Mrs. (Debra) James P. James P. Mrs. (Hazel Crenshaw) James Phillip, Jr. Miriam Ann William Crenshaw Barbara Ann (Mrs. William Russell) Brenda Joyce Michael O'Neal Stephanie (Mrs. Terry Raymond Glover) Sybil Kay (Mrs. Deluan Ilarbin) William Manning John W. John W. Mrs. John Eugene William Jeffrey William J. Mrs. (Ronda Collins) David Mirel Bernie Mrs. (Edith Stowe) Jean (Mrs. Bynum) John John Mrs. Jim Mrs. (Pat) Robert Alfred Robert Alfred Mrs. (Martha Lineberger) Martha R. Alfred, III R. Alfred, III Mrs. (Betsy Dalton) Nancy Craig (Mrs. Smaoak, Mrs. Charles Warren Haskell, Jr.) Evelyn Ann (Mrs. Richard Bryan Casey) Thomas William, Jr. Thomas William, III Charles Elijah Jackson Elijah Jackson Mrs. (Helen Ruth Turner) Richard Richard Mrs. (Elaine Sharon) Floyd Mitchell Adelaide</p> <p>1966 First Pres., Anniston, Ala 1966 First Pres., Anniston, Ala 1939 Statement 1941 1st Pres. High Point 1941 1st Pres. High Point 1941 1st Pres. High Point & 1985 1953 Centerview Baptist, Belmont 1944 P.F. 1983 Pres Ch, Winter Park, Fla 1983 Pres Ch, Winter Park, Fla 1953 Rocky River Pres, Concord 1953 1st Meth, Belmont 1963 P.F. 1972 P.F. 1966 P.F. 1946 P.F. 1957 P.F. 1960 P.F. 1968 P.F. 1949 Crowders Cr ARP, Gastonia 1958 1st Pres, Gastonia 1958 1st Pres, Gastonia 1960 1st Pres, Cherryville 1960 1st Pres, Cherryville 1960 Retired Roll 1966 1st Meth, Belmont 1959 Armstrong Mem Pres, Gastonia 1959 Armstrong Mem Pres, Gastonia 1946 2nd Pres, Alexandria, Va. 1946 2nd Pres, Alexandria, Va. 1946 1st Pres, Charlotte 1934 1st Pres, Charlotte 1943 P.F. 1957 P.F. 1987 Belmont Un Meth, Richmond 1934 1st Pres, Charlotte 1934 1st Pres, Charlotte 1943 P.F. 1960 1st Pres, Wilmington, N.C. 1963 Covenant Pres.Ch, Charlotte 1961 P.F. 1971 P.F. 1946 Concord Ch, Woodward, S.C. 1960 P.F. & 1973 1990 P.F. 1989 Goshen 1981 Goshen 1990 Goshen 1990 Reaffirmation 1938 P.F. 1942 Pres Ch, Clover, & 1945 1946 Pres Ch, Clover & 1987 Gastonia</p>	<p>1969 Pres, Woodstock, Va. 1969 Pres, Woodstock, Va. 1940 Retired Roll 1959 Covenant Pres, Concord 1961 J Knox Pres, Orlando, Fla 1965 Apostolic Temple of Christ, Detroit</p>
	DISMISSED	

S. P.	S. P. Mrs. (Adelaide)	1942 Pres Ch, Clover, S.C. & 1945
Brinson,	Keith Andrew	1942 Pres Ch, Clover, S.C. & 1945
Brinson,	Gary, Ph.D.	1943 Pres Ch, Clover, S.C. & 1945
Brodie,	Gary Mrs. (Claire Vonk) Ph.D.	1943 Reaffirmation (Quaker)
Brooks,	Levi B.	1982 1st Pres, Little Rock, Ark
Brooks,	Rufus	1982 1st Pres, Little Rock, Ark
Brooks,	Mattie	1926 P.F.
Brown,	Boyd Mrs.	1922 P.F.
Brown,	Evelyn Sadler Mrs.	1925
Brown,	Gerald Lee	1939 Little Brick Pres, Knoxville
Brown,	Kecia Lynn	1983 1st Bapt., Belmont
Brown,	W. M.	1983 P.F.
Brown,	Lan Bach (Mrs. Lam Quach)	1912 P.F.
Bui,	Phuong Kim	1981 Reaffirmation (Cath, Vietnam)
Bui,	Thuy Mong (Mrs. Tien V.)	1981 Reaffirmation (Cath, Vietnam)
Bui,	Vuong Ngoc	1981 Reaffirmation (Cath, Vietnam)
Bui,	Thanh Nhoc	1981 Reaffirmation (Cath, Vietnam)
Bungardner,	Craig	1928 Restatement
Bungardner,	Craig Mrs.	1931 Statement
Bungardner,	Fred Lamar, Jr.	1952 Reaffirmation
Bungardner,	Fred Lamar, Jr. Mrs. (Martha Ennis)	1952 Pres Ch, Hickory
Bungardner,	Frederick Lamas, III	1967 P.F.
Bungardner,	Fred L., III Mrs. (Ceccilia E.)	1980 Reaffirmation
Bungardner,	G. M.	1929 P.F.
Bungardner,	Katherine Ennis (Mrs. David McKinney)	1973 P.F.
Bungardner,	Velma	1929 P.F.
Burgin,	Robert Wayne	1940 Statement
Burns,	Irma Elizabeth	1931 P.F.
Burns,	J. H.	1930 P.F.
Burns,	John Carson	1930 P.F.
Burns,	Leona (Mrs. W.B. Spray & Mrs. M.J. Hough)	1937 P.F.
Burns,	Lillian (Mrs. Wilson Stewart & Mrs. Wallace Bateman)	1929 P.F.
Burns,	Francis Rowland	1939 P.F.
Bush,	Francis R. Mrs. (Nancy)	1988 Reaffirmation (Catholic)
Caldwell,	Joel Dean	1988 Reaffirmation (Catholic)
Caldwell,	John Carson Mrs. (Barbara)	1989 P.F.
Caldwell,	S. Harris	1952 1st Pres, Roanoke Rapids
Caldwell,	S. Harris Mrs.	1948 Pres Ch, Henderson, N.C.
Caldwell,	S. Harris, Jr.	1948 Pres Ch, Henderson, N.C.
Caldwell,	Wilma (Mrs. Thomas Woodard)	1934 Park St. Meth, Belmont
Campbell,	Harriet Mrs.	1918 Restatement
Campbell,	Howard Mrs. (Carolyn)	1983 Reaffirmation
Campbell,	Jennifer (Mrs. Jeffrey Mark Vermilyea)	1983 P.F.
Campbell,	Olan May	1918 P.F.
W. L.	W. L. Mrs.	1922
James,	Dorothy Barnette (Mrs. Noah Huffstetler)	1924 Church of choice
James,	James M.	1924 Church of choice
James,	1987 Park St. United Methodist, Belmont	1987 Park St. United Methodist, Belmont
James,	1978 Pullen Mem Bapt, Raleigh	1978 Pullen Mem Bapt, Raleigh

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DISMISSED

NAME		
Canes,	Gladys (Mrs. Frank Mathis)	1989 Inactive Roll
Canes,	John Charles	1978 1st Pres, Tupelo, Miss.
Canes,	Nancy Hampton	1961 P.F.
Canes,	Oscar McDonald, Jr.	1967
Carpenter,	Amanda	1961 P.F.
Carpenter,	Cora Elizabeth Mrs.	1958 P.F.
Carpenter,	Eliza Emerelda	1915 P.F. & 1918
Carpenter,	Iva Bright	1914 High Shoals
Carpenter,	James R. Mrs. (Louise)	1914 P.F.
Carpenter,	Janie Lee	1914 High Shoals
Carpenter,	Jennie L.	1976 First Pres.Ch., Durham, NC
Carroll,	Rosa Mrs.	1914 P.F.
Carson,	Emma	1915 P.F.
Carson,	Mrs. Ola (Mrs. Jesse Carl Burns)	1929
Carstarphen,	Joseph Martin, III	1915 P.F.
Carstarphen,	Catherine Stowe Pharr	1938 P.F.
Carstarphen,	Joseph Martin, IV	1973 P.F.
Carstarphen,	William James Pharr	1967 P.F.
Carwell,	Mary Thomas	1976 P.F.
Carter,	I. R.	1948 Pres Ch, Sanford
Carter,	Mary Katharine	1933 Statement
Carter,	S. C. Mrs. (Mrs. D. C. Eagle)	1937 Pres Ch, Sanford
Casey,	Richard Bryan	1938 Pres Ch, Sanford
*Cathey,	Andrew Alexander	1934 Pres Ch, Spencer
Cathay,	Andrew Alexander Mrs. (Mary Freeman)	1930 Nov. 15, Steele Creek
Cathay,	Carrie Eugenia	1919
Cathay,	Edna	1948
Cathay,	Ethel Campbell (Mrs. J.S. Hagerty)	1912
Cathay,	George Estelle	1907 P.F.
Cathay,	Mabel Alexander (Mrs. Thomas Alexander Leeper)	1904 P.F.
Cathay,	Margaret E. (Maggie)	1911 P.F.
Cathay,	Martha Louella	1902 P.F.
Cathay,	R. A.	1894
Causey,	Sammye Mrs. (Ruth Craig)	1925
Causey,	Hugh W.	1932 Statement
Causey,	Hugh W. Mrs. (Elizabeth Robertson "Betty")	1928 Church of choice
Causey,	John Skipper	1924 First Pres., Charlotte, NC
Causey,	Sarah Twells (Sally)	1927 P.F.
Chambers,	Roy	1933 West Ave Pres, Charlotte
Chambers,	Roy Mrs.	1936 1st Pres, Gastonia
Chaney,	Cora Christine (Mrs. Charles David Frye)	1936 1st Pres, Gastonia
Chaney,	Ollie Patricia (Mrs. Kenneth L. Wilson)	1952 Ebenezer Pres Ch, Rock Hill
Cherry,	Tony Franklin	1952 Ebenezer Pres Ch, Rock Hill
Cherry,	Carol	1960 P.F.
Cherry,	Charlton	1930 P.F.
Cherry,	J. L.	1937 1st Pres Ch, Asheville
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Dameron,	R. J. Mrs.	1916	Gastonia
Dameron,	Rosa	1913	Gastonia
Davis,	J. S.	1924	Lowrys, S.C.
Davis,	Annie (Mrs. Hanes)	1931	Park St. Meth., Belmont
Daugherty,	Annie Irene	1939	1945 Clyde, N.C.
Daugherty,	Bettie Corneila	1940	Clyde Pres. Ch.
Daugherty,	Eleanor Louise (Mrs. Horace Robinson & Mrs. Forbes)	1941	E. Belmont Pres
Daugherty,	Ethel	1948	Bethesda Meth., Lowell
Daugherty,	Mary	1948	E. Belmont Pres
Davenport,	Allan Morris "Dave"	1948	E. Belmont Pres
Davis,	Anne Hendricks (Mrs. Grover Walker)	1985	W. View Pres
Davis,	Catherine Malloy	1965	P.F.
Davis,	Dorothy	1957	P.F.
Davis,	Dorothy Stephanie	1953	P.F.
Davis,	Flora Catherine	1953	P.F.
Davis,	H. A.	1979	P.F.
Davis,	Jenifer Ann	1983	P.F.
Davis,	Larry J.	1974	St. Barnabas Pres., Raleigh, NC
Davis,	Larry J. Mrs. (Gwen)	1974	St. Barnabas Pres., Raleigh, NC
Davis,	Malloy	1943	1st Pres., Winston Salem
Davis,	Malloy Mrs. (Dorothy Thompson)	1943	1st Pres., Winston Salem
Davis,	Malloy, Jr.	1951	P.F. & 1979
Davis,	Malloy, Jr. Mrs. (Jennifer Young)	1979	Quail Hollow Pres., Charlotte
Davis,	Margaret Lynn "Peggy" (Mrs. Hunter Marshall)	1969	P.F.
Davis,	Mary Nita	1960	P.F.
Davis,	Nannie E. Mrs.	1917	
Davis,	Samuel Moseley	1955	1st Pres Ch., Goldsboro
Davis,	Samuel Moseley Mrs. (Agnes)	1955	1st Pres Ch., Goldsboro
Davis,	Samuel Moseley, III	1965	P.F.
Davis,	Steve A.	1933	Meth Ch., Marion, N.C.
Davis,	Steve A. Mrs. (Dorothy & Mrs. Harry Winslow)	1933	Bapt Ch., Marion, N.C.
Davis,	Steve, Jr.	1944	P.F.
Davis,	Susan Jackson (Mrs. Randy Allen Gibson)	1967	
Davis,	W. W. M.D.	1890	Nov. 15, P.F.
Davis,	W. W., Mrs. (Julia)	1892	P.F.
Deaton,	Maggie Mrs.	1912	P.F.
Decker,	Myrtle Elizabeth	1927	P.F.
Decker,	Herman Reid	1955	1st Pres., Buena Vista, Va.
Decker,	Charles Benson	1976	P.F.
Decker,	Elizabeth Allison (Mrs. Jeffrey Thomas Sonier)	1969	P.F.
Decker,	Mary Denny (Mrs. Scott Jeffrey Barker)	1978	P.F.
Decker,	Robert Dixon	1971	P.F. & 1985
Decker,	Robert D. Mrs. (Patricia Corcoran "Trish")	1985	Reaffirmation (Louisville, Ky.)
Delano,	Donald Mrs. (Dorothea)	1972	Island United Pres., Grand Island, NY
Delano,	Donna Lee	1972	
Delano,	Francine Louise	1983	P.F.
Delano,	Robert Joseph	1981	P.F.
Denby,	Elizabeth	1916	Ebenezer Pres., Rock Hill, SC
Denby,	J. T. Mrs.	1916	Ebenezer Pres., Rock Hill, SC
		1983	2nd Pres., Louisville, Ky.
		1987	Removed at her request
		1987	St. Paul United Methodist, Charlotte
		1987	Removed at her request
		1989	Inactive Roll
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Aaron Lee	1988 Pres Ch, Lowell	1978 Unity Pres, Denver, N.C.
Dickinson, James Christopher	1968 P.F.	1989 Men Dr Pres, Stone Mtn, Ga.
Dickinson, Karen Elizabeth (Mrs. James D. Silvestros)	1963 P.F.	1978 Unity Pres, Denver, N.C.
Dick, Robert L.	1936 Pres Ch, Tryon, N.C.	1978 Unity Pres, Denver, N.C.
Dick, Robert L. Mrs. (Camilla Hunsucker)	1936 Mem Iv & Ref Ch, Maiden, N.C.	1978 Unity Pres, Denver, N.C.
Dick, Robert Lay, Jr.	1964 P.F.	1978 Unity Pres, Denver, N.C.
Dickson, Carol Jordan "Bonnie"	1953 St Philip Pres, Houston, Texas	1947
Dickson, Daniel Wilson	1953 P.F.	1967 Canyon Cr Pres, Richardson, Texas
Dickson, Herman Lewis	1962 P.F.	1967 Ave. Pres Ch, Charlotte
Dickson, Herman Lewis Mrs. (Henrietta Deas)	1916 N.Hope Pres.Ch & 1939 Caldwell Mem Pres	1979
Dickson, Herman Lewis, Jr.	1939 Caldwell Mem Pres, Charlotte	
Dickson, Herman Lewis, Jr. Mrs. (Jewell)	1939 P.F. & 1958	
Dickson, J. Walter, Jr. Mrs. (Carol Archer)	1951 Mt. Holly Presby, Mt. Holly, NC & 1958	
Dickson, Julia Deas (Mrs. Samuel Pinckney Stowe, Jr.)	1949 Fairmont Pres, Knoxville	
Digges, A. M., M.D.	1939 Caldwell Mem Pres, Charlotte	
Dixon, Ann Sloan (Mrs. W.M. Hall, Jr. & Mrs. Martin Sweets)	1936 Covenant Pres, Charlotte	
Dixon, Anne Hall (Mrs. Herman Reid Decker)	1937 P.F.	
Dixon, Carol Ann (Mrs. Stephen Frederick Karston)	1940 P.F. & 1955	
Dixon, Charles Edward	1968 P.F.	
Dixon, Charles F.	1949 P.F.	
Dixon, George Graham	1911	1968
Dixon, George Graham Mrs. (Fannie Crag)	1911	1968
Dixon, George Neil	1937 P.F.	
Dixon, George N. Mrs. (Mary Edna Springs)	1949 Mt. Holly Pres	
Dixon, George N. Mrs. (Margaret Kirkland)	1975 Statement	
Dixon, Irl Graham	1962 P.F.	
Dixon, James Leland	1921 P.F. & 1946	
Dixon, James L. Mrs. (Irene Curry)	1946 1st Pres, Atlanta	
Dixon, Linda Leigh	1971 P.F.	
Dixon, Martha	1935 P.F.	
Dixon, Michael Springs	1976 P.F.	
Dixon, Miriam Ann	1973 P.F.	
Dixon, Nancy Craig (Mrs. Thomas W. Brice, Jr.)	1929 P.F.	
Dixon, Nancy Kathleen (Mrs. Richard R. Rhoderick)	1963 P.F.	
Dixon, Neely Frank	1926	
Dixon, Neely Frank Mrs. (Faye Sloan)	1942 P.F.	
Dixon, Neely F., Jr. Mrs. (Jean Groves)	1959 1st Pres, Gastonia	
Dixon, Neely Frank, III	1971 P.F.	
Dixon, Olivia Dianne (Mrs. Deloy R. Burrell)	1957 P.F.	
Dixon, Robert Clarence	1915 New Hope Pres. Ch.	
Dixon, Robert Elizabeth (Mrs. Michael Ward Sparrow)	1971 P.F.	
Dixon, Walter Kevin	1970 P.F.	
Dixon, Walter Mrs. (Terri Ellington)	1984 1st Bapt, Belmont	
Dixon, William Alexander	1920	
Dixon, William Alexander Mrs. (Annie "Nan" Craig)	1920	
Dixon, William Alexander, Jr. Mrs. (Carol Coffin)	1937 P.F.	
Dixon, William Christ Epis Ch, Charlotte	1950	

Dorsey,	Kevin James	1988 Ch of Christ, Corothersville, Ind.	1989 1st Pres, Findlay, Ohio
Dorsey,	Kevin J. Ms. (Teresa)	1988 Christian Ch, Brownstown, Ind.	1989 1st Pres, Findlay, Ohio
Doty,	Susan Elizabeth	1983 Central Un Meth, Shelby	
Doty,	Teresa Ann	1983 Central Un Meth, Shelby	
Doughterty,	Howard Allen	1983 Central Un Meth, Shelby	
Doughterty,	Mary Lee	1983 Central Un Meth, Shelby	
Doughterty,	Thomas M.	1983 Central Un Meth, Shelby	
Doughterty,	Thomas M. Mrs.	1983 Central Un Meth, Shelby	
Downing,	Megan Jean	1986 P.F.	
Downing,	William Worrall, IV	1982 Good Samaritan Epis, Paoli, Pa.	
Downing,	William Worrall, IV Mrs. (Patricia Seymour "Fritz")	1982 Good Samaritan Epis, Paoli, Pa.	
Downing,	William Worrall, V	1985 P.F.	
Doyle,	Michael John	1989 Reaffirmation (Catholic)	
Duke,	Michael John Mrs. (Patty Baker)	1989 Reaffirmation Packanack Comm Ch, Wayne, N.J.	
Duke,	Susanna L. Mrs.	1983 Pres Ch, Davidson	
Duke,	Elsie Kathleen	1986 Unity Pres, Denver, N.C.	
Duke,	Ernest	1987 Non-resident	
Duke,	Manie Elizabeth	1987 Non-resident	
Duke,	W. A.	1987 Non-resident	
Duke,	W. A. Mrs.	1987 Non-resident	
Duncan,	Harry	1987 Non-resident	
Duncan,	Harry Mrs.	1987 Non-resident	
Bakers,	Elizabeth	1987 Non-resident	
Eddy,	Evelyn	1987 Non-resident	
Eddy,	Eddy	1987 Non-resident	
Edwards,	Lucille	1987 Non-resident	
Edwards,	Arthur	1987 Non-resident	
Edwards,	Arthur Mrs.	1987 Non-resident	
Edwards,	George Clinton	1987 Non-resident	
Edwards,	George Clinton Mrs. (Kathy Gurley)	1987 Non-resident	
Edwards,	Walton Dale	1987 Non-resident	
Edwards,	Walton Dale Mrs. (Joan)	1987 Non-resident	
Elder,	Billy C.	1987 Non-resident	
Elder,	Billy C. Mrs. (Betty)	1987 Non-resident	
Elder,	Billy C., Jr.	1987 Non-resident	
Elder,	Billy C., Jr. Mrs. (Rita)	1987 Non-resident	
Elder,	Clay	1987 Non-resident	
Eller,	Hazel Milton	1987 Non-resident	
Ellington,	Betty Mrs.	1987 Non-resident	
Ellington,	James	1987 Non-resident	
Ellington,	Sam William	1987 Non-resident	
Elmore,	Eleanor (Mrs. Earl Howe)	1987 Non-resident	
Elmore,	Harvey Henry	1987 Non-resident	
Elmore,	Harvey Henry Mrs. (Bula Taylor)	1987 Non-resident	
Elmore,	Harvey Henry, Jr.	1987 Non-resident	
Elmore,	Hunter	1987 Non-resident	
Elmore,	Mac Harrison Mrs.	1987 Non-resident	
Elmore,	Martha Erwin (Mrs. Fritz Mercer)	1987 Non-resident	
Elmore,	Nancy Carolyn (Mrs. James Michael Collins)	1987 Non-resident	
		1988 P.F.	
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		1992 Zoar Bapt, Shelby	
		1993 Central Un Meth, Shelby	
		1994 Grace Un Meth, Gaithersburg, Va.	
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Elmore,	Parks Franklin	1930 P.F.
Elmore,	Parks Franklin Mrs. (Ruth Wilson)	1949 Statement
Elmore,	Parks Franklin, Jr.	1962 P.F.
Elmore,	Robert Glenn	1934 P.F.
Elmore,	Robert Glenn Mrs.	1946 Statement
Elmore,	Robert Mark	1973 P.F.
Elmore,	Ruth	1929 P.F. & 1961
Eirod,	Baron Mrs. (Valerie)	1968 Fairview Pres.Ch., N. Augusta, SC
Eirod,	Patricia Anne	1968 Fairview Pres.Ch., N. Augusta, SC
Eirod,	Sharon Lynn (Mrs. David Gensch)	1973 P.F.
Ewing,	Mary Mrs.	1973 P.F.
Paris,	Elmer W.	1890 Nov. 15, Goshen
Featherstone,	Elmer W. Mrs. (Mary F. "Mickey")	1972 West Avenue Pres.Ch., Gastonia
Featherstone,	Ellen	1972 First United Methodist, Anniston, AL
Featherstone,	Fannie Elizabeth	1959 Pres Ch, Lowell
Featherstone,	Isla	1959 Pres Ch, Lowell
Featherstone,	J. H. Mrs.	1959 Pres Ch, Lowell
Feild,	Ani Wyatt	1985 Good Shepherd Epis, Rocky Mount
Feild,	Elizabeth Price	1985 Good Shepherd Epis, Rocky Mount
Feild,	George Elmore	1985 Good Shepherd Epis, Rocky Mount
Feild,	George Elmore Mrs. (Nancy)	1985 Good Shepherd Epis, Rocky Mount
Feild,	Laura Meade	1986 P.F.
Ferguson,	Herbert Earl	1928 Allison Cr Presby Ch, Rock Hill
Ferguson,	Herbert Earl Mrs. (Grace Jackson)	1928 Allison Cr Presby Ch, Rock Hill
Ferguson,	Herbert Earl, Jr.	1943 P.F.
Ferguson,	James Richard	1947 Beth Shiloh Pres, York, S.C.
Ferguson,	John	1946 Luth Ch, Belmont
Ferguson,	John Mrs. (Lois)	1946 Luth Ch, Belmont
Ferguson,	Mildred Jackson (Mrs. Frank Courtney)	1940 P.F.
Ferguson,	Robert Wilson	1937 P.F.
Ferguson,	Wylie	1947 St Paul Ch, Charlotte
Fite,	Wylie Mrs. (Ferry)	1947 St Paul Ch, Charlotte
Fite,	Annie	1912
Fite,	Charles A. Mrs. (Mary Johnston)	1890 Nov. 15, Goshen
Fite,	Charles Wayne	1911 P.F.
Fite,	Charles Wayne Mrs. (Eva Teague)	1920
Fite,	Charles Wayne, Jr.	1932 P.F.
Fite,	Mrs. (Hilda Heafner)	1949 Pleasant Grove Meth, Lincolnton
Fite,	Charles Wayne, III	1964 P.F.
Fite,	Harold Heafner	1970 P.F.
Flowers,	Donald William	1955 P.F.
Folk,	Chris E.	1928 Pres Ch, Gastonia
Folk,	Chris E. Mrs.	1928 Pres Ch, Gastonia
Ford,	Albert	1921 P.F.
Ford,	Arthur A.	1945 P.F.
Ford,	Dorothy Allen	1927 P.F.

1937 1st Pres Ch, Rome, Georgia
 1933 S Point Meth, Belmont
 1946 Pres Ch, Darby, Pa.

1966 3rd Pres, Rochester, N.Y.
 1960 Homestead Meth Ch, Charlotte

1957 St Marks Meth, Belmont
 1975 Cramer Mem Meth, Cramerton
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Gaston,	Elizabeth Forest (Mrs. Derek Craig Reavis)	1984 1st Bapt, Belmont
*Gaston, Gaston,	Joe R.	1890 Nov. 15, Goshen
Gaston,	Myrtle Idell (Mrs. Cox)	1903 P.F.
Gaston,	William Forest Mrs. (O'Neil Holton)	1984 1st Bapt, Belmont
Gattis,	James Mrs. Mae	1958 1st Pres, Mebane
Gattis,	Jerry	1955 E Belmont Pres
Gattis,	Joyce Ann	1958 1st Pres, Mebane
Gibson,	Peggy Ann	1947 P.F.
Gibson,	Tonny	1947 P.F.
Glen,	Martha	1915 P.F.
Glen,	Miriam Wilson	1914 P.F.
Glen,	Nannie	1915 P.F.
Glen,	Sarah Rachel	1915 P.F.
Goble,	Wylie Mrs. (Doris Elizabeth "Liz" Troutman)	1980 Harmony Pres, Statesville
Godfrey,	Sarah Eleanor	1971 First Pres.Ch., Columbia, Mo
Goff,	William Melton	1941 Statement
Goode,	Elizabeth	1942 Pres Ch, Shelby, N.C.
Goode,	Mary Jo	1942 Pres Ch, Shelby, N.C.
Goode,	P. M.	1942 Pres Ch, Shelby, N.C.
Goode,	P. N. Mrs.	1942 Pres Ch, Shelby, N.C.
Goodrum,	Carol Ann (Mrs. Walter C. Tomlinson)	1943 P.F.
Goodrum,	Lewis	1942 Bethel Pres, Cornelius, N.C.
Goodrum,	Lewis Mrs. (Celeste)	1942 Mt. Zion Meth, Cornelius, N.C.
Gordon,	Kenneth Lawson	1939 P.F.
Gouger,	W. B.	1911
Graham,	W. B. Mrs.	1929 P.F.
Graham,	Helen	1937 P.F.
Green,	Eva Marie	1940 Park St Meth, Belmont
Green,	R. L.	1949
Green,	R. L. Mrs.	1937 P.F.
Gresham,	Bryan Biscoe	1935 Pres Ch, Lincolnton
Gresham,	Mary Frances (Mrs. W. C. Abernethy)	1970 Affirmation
Grice,	Donovan Mrs. (Sue Millen)	1970 Affirmation Pres, Seattle, Wash.
Griffith,	Jack Thurmon, M.D.	1990 University Pres, Seattle, Wash.
Griffith,	Jack T. Mrs. (Barbara Kelly)	1918
Gullick,	Annie Campbell	1908 & 1920
Gullick,	Grace (Mrs. William Thomas Hall)	1912
Gullick,	John Andrew	1939 P.F.
Gullick,	John Andrew, Jr.	1911 P.F.
Gullick,	Melva (Mrs. Paul H. Neal)	1918
Guy,	Jennie Mrs.	1989 Reaffirmation
Haburjak,	Catherine	1989 Reaffirmation
Haburjak,	Joseph	1989 Reaffirmation
Haburjak,	Joseph Mrs. (Karen Lee Christensen)	1970 P.F.
Hagerty,	Arthur Andrew	1963 P.F. & 1989
Hagerty,	Cathy Lynn (Mrs.J.M.Bates,Mrs.Norris E.Thornburg)	1987

Hagerty,	Charles Mrs. (Frankie Beam)	1937 P.F. & 1958
Hagerty,	Charles Campbell, Jr.	1950 1st Meth, Charlotte & 1959
Hagerty,	Charles C., Jr. Mrs. (Elaine Jackson)	1956 Pres Ch, Elkin, N.C.
Hagerty,	Edward Hope, D.D.S.	1968 P.F. & 1978
Hagerty,	Edward Hope Mrs. (LaMelle)	1978 Prospect Pres, Mooresville
Hagerty,	James Samuel	1981 Prospect Pres, Mooresville
Hagerty,	James Alexander	1981
Hagerty,	Jane A. Mrs.	1962 Retired Roll
Hagerty,	Lean Ellen (Mrs. Charles Bridges)	1955 Central Meth, Concord
Hagerty,	Margaret Allison	1955 Central Meth, Concord
Hagerty,	Mary Martha	1950 Meth Ch, Concord
Hall,	Abbie Denny	1918 Hopewell, Virginia
Hall,	Alice Neagle (Mrs. Robert Clarence Dixon)	1918 Hopewell, Virginia
Hall,	Hall,	1918 Hopewell, Virginia
Hall,	Annie Gallant Mrs.	1918 Hopewell, Virginia
Hall,	Annie Roberts	1918 Hopewell, Virginia
Hall,	Beatrice	1918 Hopewell, Virginia
Hall,	Celeste (Mrs. William Alexander Mason)	1918 Hopewell, Virginia
Hall,	Charles Davidson	1918 Hopewell, Virginia
Hall,	Constance Witherspoon	1918 Hopewell, Virginia
Hall,	D. S. Mrs.	1918 Hopewell, Virginia
Hall,	Dickie K.	1918 Hopewell, Virginia
Hall,	Elizabeth Denny	1918 Hopewell, Virginia
Hall,	Eva L.	1918 Hopewell, Virginia
Hall,	Emily (Mrs. William I. Bigger, Jr.)	1918 Hopewell, Virginia
Hall,	Franklin Price	1918 Hopewell, Virginia
Hall,	F.P. Mrs. (Minnie Reade Thompson)	1918 Hopewell, Virginia
Hall,	Franklin Price, Jr.	1918 Hopewell, Virginia
Hall,	Franklin Price, Jr. Mrs. (Claudine Canady)	1918 Hopewell, Virginia
Hall,	Frank Price, III	1918 Hopewell, Virginia
Hall,	Frank Price, III Mrs. (Janice)	1918 Hopewell, Virginia
Hall,	George Quincy	1918 Hopewell, Virginia
Hall,	George Quincy, Jr.	1918 Hopewell, Virginia
Hall,	George Quincy, Jr. Mrs. (Gwen S.)	1918 Hopewell, Virginia
Hall,	Heidi Springs (Mrs. Frederick Boyden Nims)	1918 Hopewell, Virginia
Hall,	James Bartlett	1918 Hopewell, Virginia
Hall,	James Bartlett Mrs. (Virginia Armstrong)	1918 Hopewell, Virginia
Hall,	James Brownlee	1918 Hopewell, Virginia
Hall,	James Brownlee Mrs. (Lottie File)	1918 Hopewell, Virginia
Hall,	Laura Mathews	1918 Hopewell, Virginia
Hall,	Laura Anne (Mrs. Stephen C. Presley)	1918 Hopewell, Virginia
Hall,	Lottie Estelle (Mrs. Thomas Jennings Hunter & Mrs. Dillard Ellis)	1918 Hopewell, Virginia
Hall,	Margaret "Maggie" Moore (Mrs. Charles Henry Sloan)	1918 Hopewell, Virginia
Hall,	Martha E.	1918 Hopewell, Virginia
Hall,	Martha Gilmore	1918 Hopewell, Virginia
Hall,	Mary Eva	1918 Hopewell, Virginia
Hall,	Mary Deny (Mrs. Paul Columbus Jones)	1918 Hopewell, Virginia
Hall,	Mary Lee	1918 Hopewell, Virginia
Hall,	Matthews Neagle	1918 Hopewell, Virginia
	*Hall,	1918 Hopewell, Virginia
		1941 Westmont, Canada
		1941 Westmont, Canada
		1941 Nov. 15, Goshen

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Hall, James Brownlee, Jr. M.D.	1926 1st Pres, Statesville	1940 Johnston, PA Pres, Ch. & 1972 Cov. Pres, Charlotte 1973
Hall, James Brownlee, Jr. Mrs. (Virginia Cooper)	1972 Covenant Pres, Ch., Charlotte	
Hall, James Robert	1903 P.F. & 1936	Saluda, N.C.
Hall, Jane Witherspoon (Mrs. William A. Coley)	1936 P.F.	1985 1st Pres, Charlotte
*Hall, John Davidson	1925 Saluda, N.C.	1925 Saluda, N.C.
Hall, Joseph Kirkland Mrs. (Martha M.)	1921	Goshen
Hall, Joseph Kirkland, Jr.	1921	
Hall, Joseph Kirkland, Jr. Mrs. (Lucille McGowan)	1930 Meth Ch, Wilson	1940
Hall, Joseph Kirkland, III	1943 P.F.	1977
Hall, Joseph Steele	1971 P.F.	
Hall, Joseph S. Mrs. (Dawn Annette Pool)	1985 Yorkwood Ch of God, Gastonia	1969 Myers Pk Meth, Charlotte
Hall, Josiah Quincy Mrs. (Nellie Denny)	1893	1951
Hall, Josiah Quincy Mrs. (Nellie Denny)	1893	1949
Hall, Laban B.	1900	1949
*Hall, Matthews Neagle Mrs. (Annie Deeny)	1890 Nov. 15, Goshen	1917
Hall, Matthews Neagle, Jr.	1919 P.F.	1917
Hall, Matthews Neagle, Jr. Mrs. (Carolina May)	1931 Christian Ch., Griton, NC	1932
Hall, Michael Matthews	1979 P.F.	1988
Hall, Nancy Read (Mrs. Holcombe T. Green, Jr.)	1953 P.F.	
Hall, Nellie Roberta (Mrs. Robert Clarence Dixon)	1915 P.F.	
Hall, P. B., M.D.	1908	1922 Pembroke, N.C.
Hall, Price B.	1890 Nov. 15, P.F.	1922 Pembroke
Hall, Price Barringer, Jr.	1919 P.F.	1972
Hall, Robert Davidson	1911 P.F.	
Hall, Robert Davidson, Jr.	1950 P.F.	
Hall, Robert Davidson, Jr. Mrs. (Nancy Tillie Crowell)	1967 Statement	1977 St. James Epis, Richmond
Hall, Robert Davidson, III	1979 P.F.	1978 Calvin Pres, Louisville, Ky.
Hall, Suzanne	1964 P.F.	1922 Pres. Ch. Pembroke
Hall, Thomas Neely	1971 P.F.	
Hall, Tom	1921 P.F.	
Hall, Walter Moore	1912 P.F.	
Hall, Walter Moore Mrs. (Lelia Rawley Cox)	1924 West End Meth, Winston Salem	1975
Hall, Walter Moore Jr.	1937 P.F.	1989
Hall, Walter Moore, III	1969 P.F. 1982 & 1985	
Hall, Walter Moore, III Mrs. (Susanne McCaskill)	1982 1st Pres, Asheville & 1985	1978 Ky. & 1984 Epis, Hickory
Hall, William Thomas	1906 & 1920	1984 Epis Ch, Hickory
Hall, William Thomas, Jr.	1927 P.F.	1978 Lincoln
Hall, William Thomas, Jr. Mrs. (Miriam Steele)	1949 1st Meth, Charlotte	1963
Hamilton, J. M.	1925 Pres Ch, Mt. Holly	1960
Hand, Emma	1943 Covenant Pres, Lowell	1962 Oakland Ave Pres, Rock Hill
Hand, A. F. Mrs.	1911	1984
Hand, Lamont Mrs.	1912 P.F.	1956
Hand, Lottie (Mrs. Harry Lee Nussman)	1920	Non-resident
Hand, Marian Winslow Royal	1912 P.F.	Retired
Hand, Marian Winslow Royal	1937 P.F.	1983
Hand, Marian Winslow Royal	1912 P.F. & 1936	1932 Spartanburg & 1938 Atlanta

Hand,	1936 1st Pres, Spartanburg, S.C.
Haney,	1912 P.F.
Haney,	1912 P.F.
Haney,	1912 P.F.
Haney,	1918 P.F.
Haney,	1920 East Belmont Baptist
Haney,	1920 East Belmont Baptist
Hanks,	1988
Hanks,	1989
Hanks,	1926 Charlotte Second Pres. Ch.
Hanks,	1943
Hanks,	1932
Hanks,	1912 P.F.
Hanks,	1913 P.F.
Hanks,	1913 P.F.
Hanks,	1927 P.F. & 1960
Hanks,	1927 P.F.
Hanks,	1979 Sharon Pres, Charlotte
Hanks,	1944 Charlotte Second Pres. Ch.
Hanks,	1962 Pres Ch, Albemarle
Hanks,	1970
Hanks,	1979 Sharon Pres, Charlotte
Hanks,	1948 1st Pres, Greensboro
Hanks,	1973 Covenant Pres, Charlotte
Hanks,	1969 Hitchcock Pres, Scarsdale, N.Y.
Hanks,	1921 P.F.
Hanks,	1890 Nov. 15, New Hope
Hanks,	1890 Nov. 15, P.F.
Hanks,	1890 P.F.
Hansel	1945 1st Pres, Sanford
Hansel	1958 P.F.
Hansel	1955 P.F. & 1987
Hansel	1972 P.F.
Hansel	1962 P.F.
Hansel	1955 Covenant Ch, Charlotte
Hansel	1957 P.F.
Hansel	1978 Pres, Bostic, N.C.
Hansel	1932 Free Will Bap Ch
Hansel	1939 P.F.
Hansel	1927 P.F.
Hansel	1947 P.F.
Hansel	1979 1st Pres, Gastonia.
Hansel	1941 E Belmont Pres
Hansel	1957 1st ARP, Gastonia
Hansel	1957 1st ARP, Gastonia
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Hartill,	1954 Christian & Missionary Alliance, Char.
Harris,	1954 Christian & Missionary Alliance, Char.
Harris,	1955 P.F.
Harris,	1984 Shamrock Bapt, Charlotte
Harris,	1984 Shamrock Bapt, Charlotte
Harris,	1943 P.F.
Harris,	1919 P.F.
Harris,	1960 Sumter, S.C. & 1969
Harris,	1960 Sumter, S.C. & 1969
Harris,	1952 Wimore Pres, Charlotte
Harris,	1990 Un Meth, Stanley
Hatcher,	1990 Un Meth, Stanley
Hatcher,	1982 Reaffirmation, Edgewater, Fla.
Hathcock,	1982 Reaffirmation, Edgewater, Fla.
Hathcock,	1942 P.F.
Hawes,	1949 E Belmont Pres
Hawes,	1978 Retired Roll
Hayes,	Royal Mrs. (Pearl)
Hayes,	Haskell
Hayes,	John A.
Hayes,	Nancy M. Mrs.
Hayes,	Edwin Spratt Mrs. (Mildred Honeycut)
Hayes,	Geneva (Mrs. B. R. Cato)
Hayes,	George Pegram
Hayes,	George Pegram Mrs. (Mary Lola Smith)
Hayes,	George Pegram, Jr.
Hayes,	Hall Smith Mrs. (Frances Robinson)
Hayes,	Hall Smith, Jr.
Hayes,	Lucy (Mrs. Luther Francis) S. A. (Mrs. G. W.)
Hayes,	Susan Adeline (Mrs. John F. Tate)
Hayes,	William Spratt
Hayes,	Margaret (Mrs. William M. Currie)
Harding,	Cherie Ruth (Mrs. Alfred Ruchie)
Harding,	Donna Elizabeth (Mrs. Whitney Norton)
Harding,	Elizabeth "Betsy" McNeil (Mrs. James Boyce Garland, Jr.)
Harding,	Grace Caroline
Harding,	Robert Henry, Jr.
Harding,	Robert Henry, Jr. Mrs. (Elizabeth "Trixie")
Harding,	William
Harding,	Mary Elizabeth
Harding,	Bettie M.S.
Harding,	Betty Frances
Harding,	Doris Elizabeth
Harding,	Nancy
Harding,	Rodney Glenn
Harding,	Wylie Aaron
Harding,	John R. Mrs.
Harding,	John Robert, Jr.
Harding,	Claude Lunsford
Harding,	Claude Lunsford Mrs. (Lynne Baldwin)
Harding,	Inarah
Harding,	Susie
Harding,	Howard F.
Harding,	Howard F. Mrs. (Judith)
Harding,	R. T. Mrs.
Heiderman,	Randy Dean
Heiderman,	Randy Dean Mrs. (Lynn)
Heiderman,	Roy
Heiderman,	Roy Mrs. (Willie)
Heideman,	Bobbie
Heideman,	William Coy

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Helms,	William Coy Mrs. (Bobbie)	1975 Durham Mem. Baptist, Charlotte	1978 Retired Roll
Elton,	Cornelius	1926 P.F.	
Tennessee,	Brenda Faith (Mrs. Mark Tengel)	1982 & 1986	1985 1st Pres, Prescott, Ark. 1989 Inactive Roll
Henry,	Manjorie Mrs.	1982 New Hope, Gastonia	1989 Inactive Roll
Hickerson,	Albert McIlwaine	1948 Ft Hill Pres, Clemson, S.C.	1949 Ft Hill Pres, Clemson, S.C.
Hickerson,	Thomas L.	1990 Bethlehem United Methodist, Moneta, VA	
Hickerson,	Thomas L. Mrs. (Melaine)	1990 Bethlehem United Methodist, Moneta, VA	
Hillion,	Ted	1933	1946 Thomasboro Pres, Charlotte
Hillion,	Mrs.	1933 Statement	1946 Thomasboro Pres, Charlotte
Hillion,	Charles Ted, Jr.	1944 P.F.	1946 Thomasboro Pres, Charlotte
Hodge,	Linwood (Mrs. Roy Bass)	1952 Ginter Pk Pres, Richmond	
Hedges,	Daniel Browne	1969 P.F.	
Hedges,	George Ludlow, Jr. Mrs. (Jean Browne)	1960 1st Meth, Newnan, Ga.	1984 Trinity Epis, Edgefield, S.C.
Hedges,	George Ludlow, Jr.	1960 1st Meth, Newnan, Ga.	1984 Trinity Epis, Edgefield, S.C.
Hedges,	George Ludlow, III	1965 P.F.	1990 1st Pres, Gastonia
Hedges,	Rebecca Marian (Mrs. Eddie Featherstone)	1962 P.F.	
Holbrook,	Ernest	1925	
Hollins,	Alton Ray	1987 Quail Hollow Pres, Charlotte	
Hollins,	Alton Ray Mrs. (Jo Ann Wardlaw)	1989 Quail Hollow Pres, Charlotte	
Hollins,	Joshua Graham	1989 P.F.	
Holt,	M. B. Mrs.	1925	
Hoover,	Fannie B. Mrs.	1927 P.F.	
Hoover,	Mary Mrs.	1913 P.F.	1915 Gastonia
Horne,	Clyde J.	1964 First Pres Ch., Rutherfordton, NC	
Horne,	Clyde J. Mrs. (Ava Holmes)	1964 First Pres Ch., Rutherfordton, NC	
Horne,	John Albert	1964 First Pres Ch., Rutherfordton, NC	
Horne,	Mary Elizabeth (Mrs. John Kenneth Layne)	1964 First Pres Ch., Rutherfordton, NC	
Horsely,	Laura Mrs.	1913 Union Pres., Gastonia	
Hovis,	M. E. Mrs.	1929 Pres Ch., Cramerton	
Howe,	Andrew Gullick	1965 P.F.	
Howe,	Andrew G. Mrs. (Bobbie Faye Fox)	1978 Statement	
Howe,	Beverly (Mrs. James Crawford, Poag, Jr.)	1952 P.F.	1963 Athens, Ga.
Howe,	Charles Neil	1921 P.F.	
Howe,	Charles Mrs. (Louise McEachern)	1935 Pres Ch., Maxton	
Howe,	David Jonathan	1971 P.F.	1947 Pres Ch., Parkton, N.C.
Howe,	Deborah West	1985 P.F.	
Howe,	Earl T.	1946 Bethesda Meth, Gastonia	
Howe,	Emily Louise (Mrs. Charles A. McLaughlin & Mrs. George E. Parker)	1960 P.F.	1975 Hunter Pres, Lexington, Ky
Howe,	George Washington Mrs. (Martha Jane Johnston)	1912	1920
Howe,	George William	1912	1968
Howe,	George William Mrs. (Elizabeth Baxley)	1921 P.F.	1950
Howe,	George Milton	1943 Statement	1953 Bapt Ch, Marion, S.C.
Howe,	George Milton, Jr.	1927 P.F.	1977
Howe,	George M., Jr. Mrs. (Marsha Gaston)	1956 P.F.	
Howe,	George Milton, III	1967 P.F.	
Howe,	Gretchen Suzanne	1981 P.F.	
		1986 P.F.	

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Lewis, Eldred Franklin Mrs. (Marie Stevens)	1936 Wesley Hgs Meth, Charlotte	1912 1912	1917 Union Pres Ch
Lewis, Elvina		1903 P.F.	Non-resident and retired
Lewis, Franklin		1920 P.F.	
Lewis, Fred		1958 W Cramerton Meth, Cramerton	1917 New Hope Pres. Ch.
Lewis, Fred Mrs. (Joyce Miller)		1914 New Hope Pres., Gastonia	1917 New Hope Pres. Ch.
Lewis, George		1931 P.F.	
Lewis, George Mrs. (Myrtle Bradley)		1934 1st Bapt Ch., Mt. Holly	
Lewis, Harold Armstrong Mrs. (Betty Craig)		1919 P.F.	
Lewis, Helen G. (Mrs. J. Floyd Piper)		1927 P.F.	
Lewis, Ila Lena (Mrs. John Earle Pratt)		1942 Covenant Pres, Lowell	
Lewis, Jasper William Mrs. (Ruth Featherston)		1912	
Lewis, John J.		1975 St. Johns Epis, Mt. Vernon, Ind.	
Lewis, John Lawrence		1914 Union Pres., Gastonia	1960
Lewis, John Leland		1914 Union Pres., Gastonia	1966
Lewis, John Leland Mrs. (Hattie Harrison)		1903	
Lewis, Laura Mrs.		1920 P.F.	
Leland, Margaret Elizabeth (Mrs. Forney Lee Abernethy, Jr.)		1927 P.F.	
Lewis, Mary John (Mrs. Al Spivey)		1923 P.F.	
Lewis, Mary Ellen (Mrs. Rodney Glenn Harris)		1966 P.F.	
Lewis, Richard Alan		1968 P.F.	
Lewis, Thelma Estelle (Mrs. Charles Raymond McClure)		1975 St. Johns Epis, Mt. Vernon, IN	1970
Lewis, Walter Franklin Mrs. (Cora Armstrong)		1919 P.F. & 1945 McAdenville Meth. Ch.	
Lewis, William Fred, Jr.		1916 New Hope Pres. Ch.	
Lewis, William Richard		1976 S Point Pres Ch of America	1953
Lewis, William Richard Mrs. (Sara Ann)		1971 P.F.	
Lindeman, William J., Jr.		1974 St. Johns Episcopal, Mt. Vernon, IN	
Lindeman, Annie Pearl		1975 Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, VA	1977 Hanover Presbytery
Linderman, Betty Jane (Mrs. Harold Warren)		1987 P.F.	1977 Pres Ch, Hartwood, Va.
Linderman, Charles H.		1934 P.F.	
Linderman, Clarence Pinkney		1982	
Linderman, Clarence Pinkney Mrs. (Gertrude Kennett)		1919	
Linderman, Clarence Pinkney		1922 P.F.	
Linderman, Ernest		1903 P.F.	
Linderman, Frank		1912 P.F.	
Linderman, Haywood Price		1944 P.F.	
Linderman, Henry A. Mrs. (Clayton Sullivan)		1918 Gastonia Pres.	1918
Linderman, Henry A., Jr. Mrs. (Aileen McKnight Davenport)		1946	1957 Covenant Pres, Charlotte
Linderman, Jeffrey Zane		1960 Steele Cr Pres, Charlotte	1966 1st Bapt, Belmont
Linderman, Lewis Maxwell		1973 P.F.	
Linderman, Mary Sue (Mrs. G.M. Howe & Mrs. L. I. Stell)		1984	
Linderman, Mary Ruth (Mrs. John Andrew Gullick)		1929 P.F.	
		1911 P.F.	

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NAME	
Marecek, Bozena	1957 P.F.
Etzel	1964 Retired Roll
Martin, Ethel	1918 Church of choice
Martin, Lucy Mrs.	1919 Church of Christ
Martin, Malee	1919 Church of choice
Martin, Vernon	1919 Church of choice
Martin, Charles Edgar	1932 1st Pres, Charlotte
Mason, Elizabeth Witherspoon	1929 1st Pres, Kings Mtn
Mason, John Craig	1928 Pres Ch, Kings Mtn
Mason, John Craig Mrs. (Elizabeth McNeely Witherspoon)	1928 Pres Ch, Kings Mtn
Mason, William Alexander	1928 Pres Ch, Kings Mtn
Masey, James S.	1928 Pres Ch, Kings Mtn
Mattheu, Judy Williams	1966 Statement
Mayo, Benjamin Coakley, Jr.	1975 Statement
McCall,	1983 Howard Mem Pres, Tarboro
McCall,	1940 E Belmont Pres
McCarley,	1947 P.F.
McCarley, Libby	1963 Concord Pres. Ch., Blackstock, SC
McCarley, L. S. Mrs. (Mattie)	1963 Concord Pres. Ch., Blackstock, SC
McCarley, Louise	1914 Restatement
McCam., R. H. Mrs.	1983 P.F.
McClellan, George Brittan, Jr.	1971 Fairlington Pres.Ch., Alexandria, VA
McClellan, George Brittan, Jr.	1971 Fairlington Pres.Ch., Alexandria, VA
McClellan, George Brittan, III	1986 P.F.
McClellan, George Brittan, III	1986 P.F.
McClure, Charles Raymond	1945 Meth Ch, Cramerton
McClure, Charles Raymond, Jr.	1958 P.F. & 1975
McClure, Charles Raymond, Jr.	1975 Statement
McClure, Elizabeth Lewis	1987 P.F.
McClure, Estelle (Mrs. Edwin R. Scott, Jr.)	1945 P.F.
McClure, Mary Stratford	1989 P.F.
McDonald, J. K.	1939 Statement
McDonald, A. E.	1929
McDonald, B. E.	1925
McDonald, B. E. Mrs.	1925
McEvoy, Ronald J.	1989 Reaffirmation (Catholic)
McEvoy, Ronald J. Mrs. (Paula Armistead)	1989 Reaffirmation (Catholic)
McFarland, McFarland,	1983 1st Un Meth, Belmont
McFarland, Ernest Lindley Mrs. (Mary Virginia)	1983 1st Un Meth, Belmont
McFarland, Melanie	1983 1st Un Meth, Belmont
McGee, Edward H.	1976 Reaffirmation
McGee, Sarah Mrs.	Unknown
McGee, Thomas	1933 P.F.
McGowen, Elsie	1984 Myers Pk Pres, Charlotte
McGowen, Howard Ross	1949 Cooke Mem Pres, Charlotte
McKee, Bessie Maude (Mrs. Floyd Ezra Liptord)	1935 Kings Mountain & 1936 Charlotte
McKnight, Elva Craig	1935 Kings Mountain & 1936 Charlotte
McKnight, Grace Inez (Mrs. William Harrison Cousar)	1932 Asheville First Pres. Ch.
McKnight, James Samuel	1921 P.F. & 1933
McKnight, Janie Neal (Mrs. Lonnie A. Armstrong)	1949 P.F.
McKnight, 1915 P.F.	1969 Ch of Reconciliation, Chapel Hill

Lena Gertrude (Mrs. J. Earl Armstrong)	1911 P.F.
Margaret Louise	1921 P.F.
Margaret Louise Mrs. (Graham)	1905
Ollie James	1927 P.F.
Ollie James Mrs. (Esther Phillips)	1938 Covenant Pres, Lowell
Phyllis (Mrs. Kenneth Nixon)	1951 P.F.
Robert Leeper	1915 P.F.
Samuel Neal	1898
Samuel L. Mrs. (Mary Cunningham)	1921 P.F.
Billy McLean,	1932 Banks Pres Ch
Brevard Mrs.	1935 P.F.
Charles Stewart	1943 P.F.
Charles Stewart, II	1947 Main St Meth, Belmont
Frank	1937 P.F.
James Augustus Mrs.	1953 Ebenezer Meth, Belmont
James Augustus Mrs.	1953 Oakland Pres, Rock Hill
Jessie Dare (Mrs. Philip Kurz)	1963 Ebenezer Meth, Belmont
John D.	1963
John D. Mrs.	1946 P.F.
Marvin Brevard, Jr.	1946 P.F.
Robert Alexander	1943 P.F.
Wallace	1948 Meth Ch, Cramerton
Lee	1948 Meth Ch, Cramerton
Lee Mrs. (Barbara)	1941 Pres Ch, Chester, S.C.
Merritt	1940 1st Pres Ch, Gastonia
Ralph Mrs. (Margaret Woodward)	1940 1st Pres Ch, Gastonia
W. J.	1951 P.F.
W. J. Mrs.	1939 P.F.
Herman William	1955 P.F.
George Thomas, Jr.	1990 First Presbyterian, Albemarle, NC
Martha	1990 First Presbyterian, Albemarle, NC
Beatrice	1917 P.F.
P. G.	1963 First Pres.Ch., Troy, NC
P. T.	1963 First Methodist, Belmont
M. A. Mrs.	1912 P.F.
Burton	1945 P.F.
Burton Mrs.	1957 W Ave Pres, Gastonia
Mark Jay Mrs. (Lori Pennell)	1957 1st Pres, Sumter, S.C.
Lee	1929 P.F.
Lee Mrs. (Pauine)	1958 Key West, Fla.
Sadie (Mrs. B. C. Taylor, Jr.)	1947 Pres Ch, Chadbourn, N.C.
Sallie Mrs.	1890 Nov. 15, New Hope
Tuitia (Mrs. J. R. O'Riley)	1966 Statement
Barbara Lamar	1990 P.F.
Mingis,	1985 Covenant Pres, Charlotte
Mingis,	1985 Covenant Pres, Charlotte
Harold	1939 P.F.
	1948 Mt. Holly Pres
Miller,	1915 P.F.
Miller,	1942 P.F.
Mitcheson,	1939 P.F.
Middleton,	1948 Wallace Mem Pres, Florida
Melton,	1914 Mount Holly Pres. Ch.
Melton,	1929
	1948 1st Pres Ch, Raleigh

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James	1921 P.F.	1951 Camp Green Pres. Ch., Charlotte
Margaret Ann	1939 P.F.	
R. Hall	1922 P.F.	
R. Harold Mrs.	1938 Meth Ch., Snow Hill, N.C.	1949 1st Pres, Raleigh Gastonia First Pres. Ch.
William	1921 P.F.	1917 Hemosa, S. D. Congregationalist Ch.
R. H.	1917 P.F.	
Mark Jay Mrs. (Lori Pennell)	1990 P.F. & Baptism	
Mark Carter	1983 P.F.	
Alice Jane (Mrs. P.L. Ford and Mrs. J.A. McMeeken)	1961 P.F.	
Jacqueline (Mrs. Jack Kennedy, Mrs. J.D. Campbell)	1960 1st Pres, Coral Gables, Fla.	1972 All Saints Epis., Gastonia
Welton M.	1960 1st Pres, Coral Gables, Fla.	
Welton M. Mrs. (Jane Mikesell)	1960 1st Pres, Coral Gables, Fla.	
Welton M.	1965 P.F.	
Mark Samuel	1989 Statement Providence Bapt, Charlotte	
Mark Samuel Mrs. (Beth)	1989 Statement Providence Bapt, Charlotte	
Bonnie Colleen	1989 P.F.	
Ronda Lea	1985 1st Pres, Gastonia	
Susan Ruby	1969 P.F.	
Thomas Clark	1976 P.F.	
Tom Murphy	1961 Pres Ch, Roanoke Rapids	
Tom Murphy Mrs. (Sally)	1961 Pres Ch, Roanoke Rapids	
Virginia Louise	1981 P.F.	
William B. Mrs. (Sandra Mical)	1990 1st Pres, Mooresville	
Harold	1964 Statement	
Hilda Mrs.	1971 Statement	
A. B.	1969 Statement	
A. B. Mrs.	1969	
Tommy Lee	1945 P.F.	
Louise (Mrs. Louise Moss McGraw)	1948 Boyce Mem ARP, Kings Mtn	
Judith Ann	1954 Denta, N.C.	
R. E.	1954 Denta, N.C.	
Mullis,	1954 Denta, N.C.	
Mullis,	1958 Retired Roll & 1959 Luth Ch, Belmont	
Nance,	1958 Retired Roll & 1959 Luth Ch, Belmont	
Ora Mae	1940 Statement	
Nantz,	1940 Statement	
Alice	1940 Statement	
Andrew	1912 P.F.	
Donald Barry	1907	
Everette	1972 South Point Methodist, Belmont	
Janie Lee	1951 P.F.	
John Emmet	1914 P.F.	
Mariah Mrs.	1911 P.F.	
Mary	1898	
Mary Mrs.	1909 Nov. 15, New Hope	
Mittie G.	1982 S Point Meth, Belmont	
Paul H.	1961 Goshen	
J. K. Mrs. (Mary Reid)	Non-resident	
	1912 P.F.	
	1927 P.F.	
	1933 Blacksburg, S.C.	
	1956 1st Pres, Union, S.C.	
	1952 1st Pres, Charlotte	

J. K., Jr.	1956 1st Pres, Union, S.C.
J. K., Jr. Mrs.	1956 1st Pres, Union, S.C.
Neely, James E.	1956
Newman, William Marshall	1986 Covenant Pres, Charlotte
Newman, William M. Mrs. (Nancy Honeycutt)	1986 Reaffirmation
Nguyen, Thi Lung Mrs.	1981
Nguyen, Tien Van	1981 Reaffirmation (Catholic, Vietnam)
Nichols, Edward Samuel	1981
Nichols, Eric D.	1981 P.F.
Nichols, Jeffrey M.	1989 P.F.
Nichols, Jeffrey M. Mrs. (Wivian B. Maness)	1989 Meth Ch, Lowell
Nix, Ethel Elizabeth	1939 Pres Ch, Millidgeville, Ga.
Nix, Ferrell	1939 Pres Ch, Millidgeville, Ga.
Nixon, Martha C. (Mrs. Drury & Mrs. Carl Weiland)	1940 P.F.
Nolen, Mark Timothy	1928
Notes, Catherine	1983 Statement
Norton, Harry Lee	1987 Reaffirmation (Catholic)
Nussman, Katherine	1942 Haven Luth, Salisbury
O'Brien, W. C., M.D.	1935 P.F. & 1948
Oates, James	1924 Shiloh Pres, Grover, N.C.
Obenosky, Eva	1932 P.F.
Obenosky, Rose	1931 P.F.
Orr, Cornelia	1943 Statement
Orr, Harriet Caroline	1916 P.F.
Orr, N. A., M.D.	1908
Orr, N. A. Mrs	1908
Orr, Nathaniel Alexander, Jr.	1916 P.F.
Orr, William Nally	1981 Triune Un Meth, Arrington, Tenn.
Oswalt, Smith Kelly	1941 P.F.
Overcash, S. Reece	1919
Pack, Daisy	1914 Statement
Pack, George Mrs.	1914
Packard, Loren Carson Mrs. (Margaret)	1986 Armstrong Mem Pres, Gastonia
Palmer, Forrest C., Jr.	1981 1st Pres, Tallahassee, Fla
Palmer, Forrest C., Jr. Mrs. (Barbara Holman)	1981 1st Pres, Tallahassee, Fla
Parker, Laurence Lee	1927 & 1944 Guelph, Canada
Parker, Laurence L. Mrs. (Janie Rae Smith)	1931 ARP Ch, Troutman & 1944 Guelph
Parker, Linda Rae (Mrs. Cato)	1949 P.F.
Parker, Nervy Mrs.	Unknown
Pate, Edward Michael	1983 Reaffirmation
Pate, Edward Michael Mrs. (Gayle Skidmore)	1983 1st Pres, Jamestown, N.Y.
Patrick, Henry	1936 1st Pres, Burlington
Marcus Reece	1934 Union Pres, Gastonia
Marcus Reece Mrs. (Frances Armstrong)	1929 Union Pres. Ch., Gastonia
Mary Frances (Mrs. Larry Pearce)	1933 Main St. Meth, Belmont
Sarah Jane	1945 P.F.
Sydon Jane	1962 1st Pres, Winston Salem
Charles Albert Paxton,	1983 1st Pres, Mt. Holly
	1943 P.F.
	1970 Glenwood ARP, Charlotte

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Paxton,	Clifford Elmer	Mrs. (Dorothy E.)	1970	Glenwood ARP, Charlotte
Paxton,	Clifford Elmer	Mrs. (Cobi Brothers)	1970	Glenwood ARP, Charlotte
Paxton,	Kitty Annette		1970	Glenwood ARP, Charlotte
Paxton,	John Ike		1970	Glenwood ARP, Charlotte
Paxton,	John I. Mrs. (Josephine Mauney)		1970	Garrison Mem ARP, Bessemer City
Payne,	John David	Josephine "Iodie" Mauney (Mrs. William Smith)	1970	Garrison Mem ARP, Bessemer City
Payne,	Lura (Mrs. Cobi Brothers)		1970	Garrison Mem ARP, Bessemer City
Payne,	Perry Stevens		1970	Garrison Mem ARP, Bessemer City
Pecke,	John Frederick		1970	Garrison Mem ARP, Bessemer City
Peeler,	David R., Jr.		1970	Garrison Mem ARP, Bessemer City
Peeler,	Robert L.		1970	Garrison Mem ARP, Bessemer City
Peeler,	Robert L. Mrs.		1970	Garrison Mem ARP, Bessemer City
Pegram,	J. F.		1970	Garrison Mem ARP, Bessemer City
Penell,	Kenneth		1970	Garrison Mem ARP, Bessemer City
Penell,	Lou Mrs.		1970	Garrison Mem ARP, Bessemer City
Penell,	Phoebe Virginia		1970	Garrison Mem ARP, Bessemer City
Penell,	Ranonna		1970	Garrison Mem ARP, Bessemer City
Perry,	Ama Ellis (Mrs. John Graham & Mrs. Joseph Perry)		1970	Garrison Mem ARP, Bessemer City
Perry,	Floyd E.		1970	Garrison Mem ARP, Bessemer City
Perry,	Floyd E. Mrs. (Julia Henson)		1970	Garrison Mem ARP, Bessemer City
Perry,	Judy (Mrs. L. Reed & Mrs. H. C. Lovin)		1970	Garrison Mem ARP, Bessemer City
Perry,	Linda (Mrs. H. D. Weatherford)		1970	Garrison Mem ARP, Bessemer City
Pharr,	Catherine Ann Stowe (Mrs. J. Martin Carstarphen III)		1970	Garrison Mem ARP, Bessemer City
Pharr,	William James		1970	Garrison Mem ARP, Bessemer City
Pharr,	William Neal		1970	Garrison Mem ARP, Bessemer City
Pharr,	William Neal Mrs. (Ann)		1970	Garrison Mem ARP, Bessemer City
Pharr,	William James Jr.		1970	Garrison Mem ARP, Bessemer City
Pharr,	William Neal, Jr.		1970	Garrison Mem ARP, Bessemer City
Pharr,	Hope (Mrs. John Parks, III)		1970	Garrison Mem ARP, Bessemer City
Poag,	James Crawford		1970	Garrison Mem ARP, Bessemer City
Poag,	James Crawford Mrs. (Leanora Gamble)		1970	Garrison Mem ARP, Bessemer City
Poag,	James Crawford, Jr.		1970	Garrison Mem ARP, Bessemer City
Poag,	John R. Mrs.		1970	Garrison Mem ARP, Bessemer City
Poag,	John Reeves Gamble		1970	Garrison Mem ARP, Bessemer City
Pooley,	Caroline Elaine (Mrs. Allan Morris Davenport, Jr.)		1970	Garrison Mem ARP, Bessemer City
Pooley,	Harold Vernon		1970	Garrison Mem ARP, Bessemer City
Pooley,	Harold Vernon Mrs. (Delores Dellinger)		1970	Garrison Mem ARP, Bessemer City
Pooley,	Harold Vernon, Jr.		1970	Garrison Mem ARP, Bessemer City
Powell,	Harold, Jr. Mrs. (Ginnie)		1970	Garrison Mem ARP, Bessemer City
Powell,	Larry Gordon, Jr.		1970	Garrison Mem ARP, Bessemer City
Powell,	Larry Gordon, Jr. Mrs.(Harriette D.)		1970	Garrison Mem ARP, Bessemer City
			1981	White Mem Pres, Raleigh
			1981	Joined Catholic Ch
			1983	Epis Ch, Columbia, S.C.
			1983	Inactive Roll
			1983	Webster Groves, Missouri
			1983	Webster Groves, Missouri
			1983	Waynesboro, Va.
			1983	Waynesboro, Va.
			1983	1st Bap, Waynesboro, Va.
			1983	1st Bap, Waynesboro, Va.
			1985	Park Street United Methodist, Belmont
			1985	Oakland, Ca. & 1984 Tuckasegee Rd Meth
			1985	1st Un Meth, Belmont
			1985	Covenant Pres, Charlotte
			1985	McAdenville
			1987	Covenant Pres, Charlotte
			1987	Covenant Pres, Charlotte
			1987	Dunstan's Epis, Blue Bell, Pa.
			1985	Dunstan's Epis, Blue Bell, Pa.
			1985	Dunstan's Epis, Blue Bell, Pa.

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Reese,	David Leon	1972 P.F.	1981 1st Pres, Stanley
Reese,	Mrs. (Colleen C.)	1972 P.F.	1981 1st Pres, Stanley
Reeves,	Kenneth	1942	1948 Meth Ch, Boulder, Col.
Reeves,	Mrs.	1942	1948 Meth Ch, Boulder, Col.
Renfrow,	Ruth Mae	1932 P.F.	
Renfrow,	Sarah Lee	1919 P.F.	
Renfrow,	W. J.	1916 Forest Grove ARP, Charlotte	
Renfrow,	W. J. Mrs.	1916 Forest Grove ARP, Charlotte	
Reynolds,	Amy Mrs.	1981 Reaffirmation	
Reynolds,	Janice	1948 Covenant Pres, Wilmington	
Reynolds,	Rachel Collin	1987 P.F.	
Reynolds,	Tom	1964	
Reynolds,	Tom Mrs.	1964	
Rhyme,	Emily Dean (Mrs. Richard Hill)	1953 P.F.	
Rhyme,	Jeffry Todd	1976 P.F.	
Rhyme,	Jennifer Leigh	1979 P.F.	
Rhyme,	Nathaniel	1953 Luth Ch, Lincolnton	1957 1st Pres, Lincolnton
Rhyme,	Marshall H. Mrs. (Ethel Pratt)	1940 1st Pres Ch, Laurinburg & 1950	1947 Pres Ch, Stanley
Rhyme,	Marshall H., Jr.	1940 1st Pres Ch, Laurinburg & 1950	1947 Pres Ch, Stanley
Rhyme,	Marshall, Jr. Mrs. (Joanne Bowen & Mrs. Gerald Brown)	1951 P.F.	
Rhyme,	Walter Pratt	1963 Statement	
Rhyme,	Walter Pratt Mrs. (Grace E. Craig)	1960 P.F.	
Rhyme,	Walter P. Mrs. (Mary Randall Stowe)	1978 Holy Comforter Luth, Belmont	
Rice,	James Clifford	1947 P.F.	
Rice,	James Clifford Ms. (Jane Cass)	1983 Trinity Pres, Charlotte	
Rice,	Mary Margaret (Mrs. Hugh Holt Morrison)	1958 P.F.	
Richards,	Fred	1939 Park St Meth Ch, Belmont	1941 E. Belmont Pres Ch
Richards,	Fred Mrs.	1939 Park St Meth Ch, Belmont	1941 E. Belmont Pres Ch
Richards,	William Eugene	1940 Park St	1941 E. Belmont Pres
Richie,	Evelyn	1933 P.F.	
Richiey,	L.P., Jr.	1933	
Richiey,	L.P., Jr. Mrs.	1933 Park St Meth, Belmont	
Richiey,	Lloyd Griffin	1940 Statement	
Richiey,	Lloyd Griffin Mrs. (Rachel)	1940 Williamsburg Pres, Kingstree	
Richiey,	Muriel	1950 P.F.	
Richey,	L. P.	1930 Park St Meth, Belmont	
Rinchhart,	David Apgar, M.D.	1985 1st Pres, Charlotte	
Rinchhart,	David A. Mrs. (Lucille)	1985 1st Pres, Charlotte	
Robinson,	David Mrs. (Patricia Thomas)	1989 P.F.	
Robinson,	Horace	1940 P.F.	
Robinson,	John Linwood	1936 1st Pres, Charlotte	1941
Robinson,	John Linwood Mrs. (Ocie Wilkie)	1936 1st Pres, Charlotte	1957
Robinson,	John Linwood, Jr.	1936 1st Pres, Charlotte	1973
Robinson,	John Linwood, Jr. Mrs. (Madge Beam)	1946 Cedar Grove Luth, Vale, N.C.	1967
Robinson,	John Linwood, III	1961 P.F.	1974 Cedar Grove Luth, Vale, N.C.
Robinson,	William Bryan	1939 Indian Trail Pres Ch	1940 1st Pres, Charlotte

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Shoaf, William W. Mrs.	1951	1952 Bethesda Pres Ch, Bethesda, Md.
Sigman, Berle John	1960 P.F.	
Siler, John Robert, Jr.	1946 P.F.	
Siler, John Robert, Jr. Mrs. (Lillian Hughes)	1946 P.F.	
Siler, John Robert, III	1946 P.F.	
Siler, John Robert, III Mrs. (Mrs. Charles D. Hutchins & Mrs. Talmadge Anderson)	1946 P.F.	
Simpson, Sylvia Jane (Mrs. Charles D. Hutchins & Mrs. Talmadge Anderson)	1945	
Simpson, W. L. Miss	1944	
Sing, Myrtle Mrs.	1943 1st Un Pres, Abilene, Texas	
Six, Charles Henry Jr.	1943 Retired Roll	
Sloan, Charles Henry Jr.	1943 10th Ave Pres, Charlotte	
Sloan, Sarah Beatty (Mrs. Richard Cadbury Schoonmaker)	1943 Rocky Mount Pres, Ch.	
Small, Barry Ray	1943 Mc Gee Pres Ch	
Small, Barry Ray Mrs. (Cynthia)	1944 Steele Creek Pres, Ch., Charlotte	
Smith, Barry Lynn	1944 Central Pres, Anniston, Ala.	
Smith, Cynthia	1945 Resatement	
Smith, E. G. Mrs.	1945 1941 Central Pres, Anniston, Ala.	
Smith, Emily	1945 1946 Steele Creek Pres, Ch., Charlotte	
Smith, Gail	1945 1947 Mc Gee Pres Ch	
Smith, George J. B.	1945 1948 Steele Creek Pres, Ch., Charlotte	
Smith, Herman D., Jr.	1945 1949 Steele Creek Pres, Ch., Charlotte	
Smith, Herman D., Jr. Mrs. (Louise)	1945 1950 Steele Creek Pres, Ch., Charlotte	
Smith, Herman Dabney, III	1945 1951 Steele Creek Pres, Ch., Charlotte	
Smith, James T.	1945 1952 Steele Creek Pres, Ch., Charlotte	
Smith, James D.	1945 1953 Steele Creek Pres, Ch., Charlotte	
Smith, James D. Mrs. (Laura)	1945 1954 Steele Creek Pres, Ch., Charlotte	
Smith, Kathy Elizabeth	1945 1955 Steele Creek Pres, Ch., Charlotte	
Smith, Kenneth T.	1945 1956 Steele Creek Pres, Ch., Charlotte	
Smith, Louise	1945 1957 Steele Creek Pres, Ch., Charlotte	
Smith, Nancy King (Mrs. Richard Wilson)	1945 1958 Steele Creek Pres, Ch., Charlotte	
Smith, Quay T.	1945 1959 Steele Creek Pres, Ch., Charlotte	
Smith, Quay T. Mrs. (Jane King)	1945 1960 Steele Creek Pres, Ch., Charlotte	
Smith, T. C. T. Mrs.	1945 1961 Steele Creek Pres, Ch., Charlotte	
Smith, Thomas Hill	1945 1962 Steele Creek Pres, Ch., Charlotte	
Smith, Thomas Hill Mrs. (Sara Crawford "Beth")	1945 1963 Steele Creek Pres, Ch., Charlotte	
Smith, Timothy Quay	1945 1964 Steele Creek Pres, Ch., Charlotte	
Smith, Tommy Petrea	1945 1965 Steele Creek Pres, Ch., Charlotte	
Smith, Willis C.	1945 1966 Steele Creek Pres, Ch., Charlotte	
Smith, James	1945 1967 Steele Creek Pres, Ch., Charlotte	
Southers, Mary	1945 1968 Steele Creek Pres, Ch., Charlotte	
Sparrow, Thomas Glenn	1945 1969 Steele Creek Pres, Ch., Charlotte	
Sparrow, Thomas Glenn Mrs. (Joy Whisnant)	1945 1970 Steele Creek Pres, Ch., Charlotte	
Sparrow, Stephen Glenn	1945 1971 Steele Creek Pres, Ch., Charlotte	
Sparrow, Thomas Glenn	1945 1972 Steele Creek Pres, Ch., Charlotte	
Sparrow, Thomas Glenn	1945 1973 Steele Creek Pres, Ch., Charlotte	
Sparrow, Thomas Glenn	1945 1974 Steele Creek Pres, Ch., Charlotte	
Sparrow, Thomas Glenn	1945 1975 Steele Creek Pres, Ch., Charlotte	
Sparrow, Thomas Glenn	1945 1976 Steele Creek Pres, Ch., Charlotte	
Sparrow, Thomas Glenn	1945 1977 Steele Creek Pres, Ch., Charlotte	
Sparrow, Thomas Glenn	1945 1978 Steele Creek Pres, Ch., Charlotte	
Sparrow, Thomas Glenn	1945 1979 Steele Creek Pres, Ch., Charlotte	
Sparrow, Thomas Glenn	1945 1980 Steele Creek Pres, Ch., Charlotte	
Sparrow, Thomas Glenn	1945 1981 Steele Creek Pres, Ch., Charlotte	
Sparrow, Thomas Glenn	1945 1982 Steele Creek Pres, Ch., Charlotte	
Sparrow, Thomas Glenn	1945 1983 Steele Creek Pres, Ch., Charlotte	
Sparrow, Thomas Glenn	1945 1984 Steele Creek Pres, Ch., Charlotte	
Sparrow, Thomas Glenn	1945 1985 Steele Creek Pres, Ch., Charlotte	
Sparrow, Thomas Glenn	1945 1986 Steele Creek Pres, Ch., Charlotte	
Sparrow, Thomas Glenn	1945 1987 Steele Creek Pres, Ch., Charlotte	
Sparrow, Thomas Glenn	1945 1988 Steele Creek Pres, Ch., Charlotte	
Sparrow, Thomas Glenn	1945 1989 Steele Creek Pres, Ch., Charlotte	
Sparrow, Thomas Glenn	1945 1990 Steele Creek Pres, Ch., Charlotte	

Sparrow,	Thomas Daniel	1980 Union Pres, Gastonia
Spence,	Will B.	1970 P.F.
Spence,	Will B. Mrs. (Toni)	1982 Reaffirmation
Springs,	Sloan, Mrs. (Elizabeth J.)	1982 Reaffirmation
Springs,	Bessie	1915 New Hope Pres. Ch.
Stifford,	James Tasker, Jr.	1915 New Hope Pres. Ch.
Stallings,	James Tasker, Jr. Mrs. (Jane)	1915 New Hope Pres. Ch.
Stallings,	Caroline Wells	1912 P.F.
Stallings,	Katherine Hunter	1912 P.F.
Stamey,	Sheldren	1930 P.F.
Steile,	Carlotta (Mrs. Jerry Gattis)	1949 P.F.
Steile,	Connie Jo (Mrs. Donald Barry Neagle)	1956 P.F.
Steile,	James Gaston	1944 Watah Pres Ch
Steile,	James Gaston Mrs. (Elizabeth Hardie)	1944 Watah Pres Ch
Steile,	James Gaston, Jr.	1955 P.F.
Steile,	Joseph Connor	1943 Pres, Watah, N.C.
Steile,	Joseph Connor, III	1943 Pres, Watah, N.C.
Steile,	Mary Elizabeth (Mrs. William Climer, Jr.)	1960 P.F.
Steile,	Peggy Ann (Mrs. George Quincy Hall)	1957 P.F.
Stewart,	Ann (Mrs. Angus Stewart)	1944 P.F.
Stewart,	Grover Cleveland	1943 P.F. & 1958
Stewart,	Mrs. (Annie Wilson)	1920
Stewart,	James Wilson	1921
Stewart,	John Raymond	1940 P.F.
Stewart,	John Raymond Mrs. (Grace Linberger)	1929
Stewart,	John David	1938 St Pauls Ev Luth, Hardin, N.C.
Stewart,	Miriam Eugenia	1943 P.F.
Stewart,	Rapley S.	1936 P.F.
Stewart,	Stinson, M. Y.	1936 P.F.
Stewart,	M. Y. Mrs. (Mary)	1951 Hickory & 1967
*Stowe,	Abram	1951 Hickory & 1967
*Stowe,	Abrahm Mrs. (Fannie H.)	1890 Nov. 15, Goshen
Stowe,	Alfred Rankin	1973 First United Methodist, Belmont
Stowe,	Alfred Rankin Mrs. (Jeanne Moore)	1973 First United Methodist, Belmont
Stowe,	Alice Margaret (Mrs. Vann Marshall Matthews, 2nd)	1974 P.F.
Stowe,	Ananda Sparks	1987 P.F.
Stowe,	Anna Carolyn (Mrs. Grant Beecher Osborne)	1973 First United Methodist, Belmont
Stowe,	Bertie	1911
Stowe,	Betty Ruth	1919 P.F.
Stowe,	Betty	1934 1st Pres, Gastonia
Stowe,	Charles Theodore	1918 P.F.
Stowe,	Mrs. (Beatrice Chafin)	1930 Washington, GA
Stowe,	Charles Theodore, Jr.	1945 P.F.
Stowe,	Charles Theodore, Jr. Mrs. (Sara Streater)	1960 1st Meth, Cheraw, S.C.
Stowe,	Charles Theodore, III	1974 P.F.
Stowe,	Daniel Harding	1967 P.F.
Stowe,	Daniel Harding Mrs. (Pamela Allen)	1982 1st Bapt, Lumberton
		1983 Covenant Pres, Charlotte
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Tae,	1923 P.F.	1939 1st Pres, Tallahassee, Fla.	Virginia (Mrs. W. M. Lineberger)
Tatum,	L. A. Mrs.	1940 Laurinburg Pres Ch	
Tatum,	Virginia Glenn	1948 1st Pres, Laurinburg	
Taylor,	Cawell, M.D.	1926	
Taylor,	Amy Theresa	1926	
Templeton,	J. Kenneth	1979 P.F.	
Templeton,	J. Kenneth Mrs. (Diane P.)	1976 Episcopal Ch., Gastonia	
Templeton,	Joey Rebecca	1976 Episcopal Ch., Gastonia	
Templeton,	Fred Norman	1979 P.F.	
Tharpe,	Fred Norman Mrs. (Debra Grit)	1988 Macedonia Bapt	
Thomas,	Myron Nelson	1988 Macedonia Bapt	
Thomas,	Myron Nelson Mrs. (Linda)	1987 Pres Ch., Lowell	
Thombs,	Frank A. Mrs.	1987 Pres Ch., Lowell	
Thrower,	George	1987 Pres Ch., Lowell	
Thrower,	George Mrs.	1987 Pres Ch., Lowell	
Todd,	R. A.	1987 Pres Ch., Lowell	
Torrence,	N. G.	1987 Pres Ch., Lowell	
Tomlinson,	Walter C.	1913	
Traywick,	Frank	1918 P.F.	
Traywick,	Clara (Mrs. Moore)	1923 Meth Ch., Davidson	
Traywick,	H. C.	1921 P.F.	
Traywick,	H. C. Mrs. (Iannie Florence)	1911 P.F.	
Traywick,	Henry Edward	1912 P.F.	
Traywick,	Paul	1927 P.F.	
Traywick,	Sarah Edna	1918	
Traywick,	William	1927 P.F.	
Tradaway,	H. K.	1918	
Trimble,	Theodore "Ted" Ph.D.	1936 Red Hill F.W. Bapt., Marshall, N.C.	
Tripp,	Lewis	1985 Meadowland Pres, St Petersburg, Fla	
Tripp,	Lewis Mrs. (Charlene Roff)	1980 1st Un Meth, Ayden, N.C.	
Tucker,	Arthur	1980 reaffirmation	
Tucker,	Arthur Mrs.	1942 Armstrong Men Pres, Gastonia	
Tucker,	Clarence E.	1942 Meth Ch	
Tucker,	Clarence E. Mrs. (Ada Mauney)	1942 Meth Ch	
Tucker,	Frances Comfort (Mrs. Gregory Scott Gilbert)	1942 Meth Ch	
Tucker,	Georgia Mae (Mrs. Norman B. Bentley)	1942 Meth Ch	
Tucker,	Grady	1942 Meth Ch	
Tucker,	Grady Mrs. (Ruth Groner)	1942 Meth Ch	
Tucker,	John Dupeay	1942 Meth Ch	
Tucker,	John Dupeay Mrs. (Aubrey Cannon)	1942 Meth Ch	
Tucker,	Lenoir Mercer (Mrs. Thomas Jay Issermoyer)	1942 Meth Ch	
Tucker,	Leslie Campbell, Jr. Mrs. (Lenoir Williams)	1942 Meth Ch	
Tucker,	Leslie Campbell, III	1942 Meth Ch	
Tucker,	Lucie	1942 Meth Ch	
Tucker,	Mary	1942 Meth Ch	
Tucker,	Mary (Mrs. Walter Linville)	1942 Meth Ch	
Tucker,	Mary Mrs.	1942 Meth Ch	

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West,	George H.	1917 Philadelphia, Pa	1919 Fairmont Pres. Ch.
West,	George H. Mrs. (Ada H.)	1917 Philadelphia, Pa	1919 Fairmont Pres. Ch.
West,	George Harry	1917 Philadelphia, Pa	1919 Fairmont Pres. Ch.
West,	Helen W. Hopper	1917 Philadelphia, Pa	1919 Fairmont Pres. Ch.
West,	Hellen H.	1917 Philadelphia, Pa	1919 Fairmont Pres. Ch.
West,	J. Frank	1949 Statement	1961 Pres Ch, Laurinburg
West,	J. Frank Mrs. (Doris Lefler)	1955 Meth Ch, Norwood, N.C.	1961 Pres Ch, Laurinburg
West,	Lawrence	1917 Philadelphia, Pa	1919 Fairmont Pres. Ch.
West,	Leslie Tunnell	& 1965 Delaplane, Va	1919 Fairmont Pres. Ch.
West,	Leslie Tunnell Mrs. (Mary Armstrong)	Westminster Pres.Ch., Delaplane, VA	1983 Union Pres, Gastonia
Whisnant,	Laurie Mrs.	1977 Union Pres, Gastonia	
White,	Ernest	1941 Little Joe's Pres, Barium Springs	
White,	Ernest Mrs. (Edna Tate)	1941 Statement	
White,	Ernestine Tate (Mrs. Thomas W. Knowles, III)	1962 P.F. & 1976	
White,	Gary Cecil, D.V.M.	1982 1st Un Meth, Athens, Ga.	
White,	Gary Cecil Mrs. (Sharon)	1982 1st Un Meth, Athens, Ga.	
White,	Gloria Rose (Mrs. Herbert Adams)	1987 P.F.	
White,	Robert Herman	1980 Shenandoah Pres Ch in America, Miami	
White,	Robert Herman Mrs. (Rita)	1980 Shenandoah Pres Ch in America, Miami	
White,	James Craig	1989 1st Pres, Charlotte	
Whitley,	James Craig Mrs. (Vicki Lathe)	1989 1st Pres, Charlotte	
Whitten,	James Bruce, Jr.	1981 1st Pres, Belaire, Ohio	
Whitten,	James Bruce, Jr. Mrs. (Constance Suzanne Aughty)	1981 1st Pres, Belaire, Ohio	
Wilkie,	Alice Mrs.	1938 1st Pres, Rutherfordton	
Wilkie,	Clarence Dixon	1943 Pres Ch, Rutherfordton	
Wilkie,	Clarence Dixon Mrs. (Ruth Blanton)	1944 1st Bapt, Belmont	
Wilkins,	Margie J.	1979 Statement (New Hope Bapt, Gastonia)	
Wilkins,	Clinton L.	1941 Kirkwood Pres, Atlanta	
Wilkinson,	Clinton L. Mrs. (Narda)	1953 P.F.	
Wilkinson,	Elise (Mrs. William Blackwell)	1958 2nd Pres, Rocky Mount	
Williams,	Nora Mrs.	1953 Statement	
Williams,	Roy	1949 Washington Col Pres, Wash. Col. Tn	
Wilson,	Andrew Casey	1961 P.F.	
Wilson,	G. W.	1923	
Wilson,	G. W. Mrs.	1923	
Wilson,	George S.	1924 Pres Ch, Monroe	
Wilson,	George S. Mrs. (Lois Campbell)	1924	
Wilson,	George Campbell	1935 P.F. & 1977	
Wilson,	George Campbell Mrs. (Lucy)	1949 & 1977	
Wilson,	George Campbell, Jr.	1964 P.F.	
Wilson,	J. B.	1933	
Wilson,	J. B.	1940 Park St. Meth, Belmont	
Wilson,	James Laban	1943 P.F. & 1966	
Wilson,	James Laban Mrs.	1971 Trinity Pres, Winston Salem	
Lowry Reed	Lowry Reed Mrs. (Moena Hand)	1966 Hudson Memorial Pres. Ch., Raleigh, NC	
Wilson,	Lowry Reed Mrs. (Moena Hand)	1921 Lowell Pres. Ch.	
Wilson,	Lowry Reed Mrs. (Moena Hand)	1921 Lowell Pres. Ch.	

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1974 Wharton, New Jersey

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1980 Ft Hill Un Meth, Lynchburg, Va.

1949 East Belmont Presbyterian

1963 Hudson Mem Pres, Raleigh & 1971 Trinity, W. Salem

1971 Trinity Pres, Winston Salem

1921 Lowell Pres. Ch.

1921 Lowell Pres. Ch.

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1987 Inactive Roll

1946 1st Pres, Anniston, Ala.

1962 Mulberry Pres, Charlotte

1962 Mulberry Pres, Charlotte

1963 Seige Ave Pres, Charlotte

Wilson, Parks Hand, Jr.	1979 Pres Ch, Lowell
Wilson, Parks Hand, Jr. Mrs. (Melinda Miller)	1979 Ebenezer Meth, Belmont
Wilson, Samuel Mrs.	1906
Wilson, Samuel Mrs. (Emma Jane)	1906
James Mrs.	1906 P.F.
James Wingate,	1937 Statement
Wingate, Mattie Mrs.	1929 Cov Pres Ch, Lowell
Wingo, David	1981 Liberty Un Meth, Spartanburg
Wingo, David Mrs. (Nancy)	1981 2nd Pres Ch, Spartanburg
Mrs. Wiethers, Willie	1912 P.F.
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